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News in Brief

Hispanic health

The Making A Difference Foundation, in conjunction with the Federal and State Offices of Minority Health, will be hosting a Hispanic/Minority Health Education Awareness Day on Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. to mark the grand opening of one of its new offices located at 870 N. Newtown Rd. in Virginia Beach. The office will serve as a Hispanic/Minority Outreach Center. Free seminars will be conducted throughout the day by area health organizations on topics such as Diabetes, Nutrition, Fitness and HIV/AIDS. Free screenings for low and high blood sugar, low and high blood pressure and vision and hearing will be conducted. Activities will be available for children as well as live entertainment.

Friday the 13th!

Superstitions will be explored at the Adam Thoroughgood House. "Never walk under a ladder, don't let a black cat cross your path and whatever you do, tell the bees first!" The early English colonists were extremely superstitious. Visit one of the oldest colonial homes and explore the origin of many of the superstitions that still exist today. A special tour entitled, "17th-Century Superstitions" will be conducted each Saturday in Oct. 7-28 at 2 p.m. at the Adam Thoroughgood House in Virginia Beach. This tour is included in the regular admission price of \$3.50 for adults; \$3 for senior citizens; \$2.50 for students; \$2 for children. Members are admitted free of charge. For further information call, 431-4000.

Fashion show

The Retired Officers' Wives Society of Tidewater will hold its annual fall fashion show luncheon on Thursday, Oct. 12 at Grand Affairs, 2036 Pleasure House Rd. in Virginia Beach. Cost will be \$13. Reservations, with check and phone number included, must be received by Friday, Oct. 7. Mail to ROWS, 1128 Blackburn Lane, Virginia Beach, VA 23454. Call 481-2466 for information. Membership in ROWS is open to all wives and widows of retired military officers and to retired female officers from any branch of uniformed military service.

Doggone great!

Virginia Beach Department of Parks and Recreation opened the Woodstock Community Park Dog Park Monday at 7:30 a.m. The park located in Woodstock Community Park is approximately one acre of fenced area where dogs can run free off their leash and socialize with other dogs. On-site dog registration fee is \$1. Proof of license and vaccination is required. For additional information call Parks and Recreation Administration, 563-1100.

Spooky Olympics

Have a haunting good time at Kempsville Recreation Center's second annual Halloween Olympics on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 11 a.m. to noon. Dress in your favorite costume. Games and prizes will be provided. Reservations and \$1 due by Oct. 25. This event is open to children ages 3-6, and each child must be accompanied by a parent. For additional information call the Kempsville Recreation Center, 474-8492.

Writing workshop

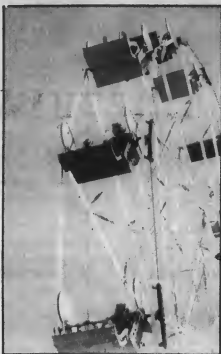
Write your way to self-fulfillment, self-actualization and publication of your book, article, screenplay or inspirational work. Learn essential skills through proven cutting-edge methods. Best-selling author Tom Bird shows those interested how at the Association for Research and Enlightenment Main Auditorium, Atlantic Avenue at 67th Street in Virginia Beach on Friday (today). Bird will discuss "Writing for Self-Actualization." On Saturday, the early session covers "Writing Your First or Next Book in Only Months of Your Spare Time," while Bird speaks on "Writing for Publication or Sale" on Saturday afternoon. Costs are \$49 per session or \$130 for the entire weekend. To register call, 428-3588, ext. 7400.

'Maine' attraction

LobsterFest 2000 will take place on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 2 to 7 p.m. at Saint Paul's Church. Enjoy fresh Maine Lobster, seafood chowder, corn and potatoes, dessert and a drink for \$19.95. There will also be live music and a boatload of fun and games for the kids. Enjoy a family friendly day inside the walls of historic Saint Paul's, 201 Saint Paul's Blvd. Order tickets by calling 1-866-229-7729. Tickets can be charged by either Visa or MasterCard. It's all for a great cause. Proceeds will benefit FOR kids, inc. and Saint Paul's Youth (SPY).

So long, summer!

Neptune's big bash gives beach back to the locals



UP, UP AND AWAY! Neptune Festival-goers soar to the sky in a Ferris Wheel, one of the amusements featured during Boardwalk Weekend.

By Jim DeAngelo

Correspondent

Forget about Labor Day. "When the kids go back to school?" Nope. "The first day of autumn?" Close, but no cigar. If you live in Hampton Roads, chances are you go by a different calendar when it comes to giving up on summer. If you live around here, summer doesn't end until the festivals end.

Summer unofficially came to a close here Sunday night with the official end of Neptune Festival 2000 and the popular three-day Boardwalk Weekend.

"This symbolizes the end of the summer for us, absolutely," agreed Virginia Beach resident John Harvey, after riding in a bumper car with daughter Courtney. "This is pretty much it, the last of the warm weather, the last big beach weekend of the season. The Neptune Festival is a good family outing. The weather is nice and there are plenty of things to go."

A parade, fireworks, carnival rides, the cheerleading competition and the arts and crafts show were all weekend highlights,



CASTLE GAZING. The boardwalk was packed as festival-goers gathered along the seawall to watch sand sculptors at work.

but the Neptune Festival favorite had to be the North American Sandsculpting Championship. Festival icon King Neptune could be found in numerous sculptures produced by teams and individuals from around the country and around the world.

Italy was represented. So was Russia. There were seashells and animals, boats and cars, and, oh yeah, plenty of sand castles.

"This is the Neptune Festival as far as I'm concerned," stated Bob Jordan matter-of-factly.

Standing behind his sculpture after two and a half days of work, the Pittsburgh, Pa., resident said. "It's the biggest draw, I think. The people that come out really appreciate what you do. They say 'Oh daddy, look at this one! Oooh mommy, look at that castle.' They love it."

Although he has never won in the four years he has competed here, he put the competition — and the festival — in perspective.

"I'm just here for the fun and the sun and the sand!"

Outstanding volunteer lauded for 'Touching Young Lives'

Beach woman earns Eckerd 100 recognition

By Victoria Hecht
Editor

Fifty states. Nearly 2,600 nominations. One hundred women honored. Two from Hampton Roads.

Kristin Hildum of Chesapeake and Pamela Locke of Virginia Beach were among a select group named to The Eckerd 100 in late September, putting them in the elite ranks of a national honor roll for female volunteers.

A TIP OF THE HAT

Though they've never met, each is playing an important part in the lives of young people here.

Locke, a mother and grandmother who lives in Pembroke, reaches out to boys and young men with no male role models in their lives.

Hildum, mother of a 7-month-old, founded a program which brings reading into the lives of children dealing with homelessness and domestic violence.

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MENTORING FOR BOYS. Pamela Locke founded Touching Young Lives, a program which helps boys and young men by providing adult male mentors. Locke was one of 100 women from across the country honored by Eckerd for her volunteer efforts.

Outta their gourds!

By Bob Rueggesser
Correspondent

Closely related to the squashes and pumpkins, gourds are among the most versatile of vegetables.

Few people appreciate their versatility any more than Joy Eliassen, a museum

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WHO'S AL GOURD? Joy Eliassen, a museum educator, came up with the idea for the Gourd Festival, with a little help from accomplices at the Francis Land House. This gourd was painted with a likeness of the vice president.

Fall apples, grapes plump for the picking

Martin's Vineyards says this year's crops are especially promising

By Jane Rowe
Correspondent

A raw wind kicks up the waves on Knotts Island Bay, and an unexpected rain squall darkens the sky as the afternoon suddenly changes from crisp to bleak.

Fall on Knotts Island is about north-east winds, plummeting temperatures and migrating geese. It's also about apples — apples to pack into school lunches, apples to bake into warm pies or cobbles and apple wine for mulling with spices on a cold autumn night.

And don't forget the scuppernong grapes; these native grapes are North Carolina's pride and joy, and they've been used for eating, and for winemaking, since the Lost Colonists first landed here, according to Jean Martin.

"They're the grapes that Sir Walter

Raleigh found when he landed here," she said, "and the Lost Colonists made wine with them."

The Martins cultivate their scuppernongs, which grow in thick clusters on spreading vines, but the grapes also grow wild along the Virginia and North Carolina coast. The scuppernongs are available for picking, but the Martins also grow them, as well as several European grapes, to use for the wine which they make and sell on their farm.

These days, Jean helps tend the winery while her husband, David, and his father work in the orchards. Running the farm is a family affair for the Martins, who have been growing fruit on their 88-acre farm since 1977.



PERFECT FOR PICKING. The apples are ripe for picking, and this year's cool nights have been good for the crop, according to David Martin of Martin's Vineyards.

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Commentary

DON'T SACRIFICE YOUR RIGHT

Register to vote

In just a month, Americans will return to the polls to take advantage of their sacred right for which thousands have perished. The right to vote, to speak their minds via the ballot.

Do not waste this honor for which our fighting men and women, forefathers and generations before have fought to preserve.

Nov. 7 is just around the corner. No matter where you live, you have the opportunity to voice your opinion.

This is a big election year, too. Not only will we vote on our choice for president, but in Virginia we will elect a senator to carry our beliefs before the rest of the country. These are no small decisions.

Yet so many people take little or no interest in voting. In the United States, we take this honor — this right — for granted.

When citizens don't pay attention to how their government is run, they also begin to lose a voice in their government. But by going to the poll, you as a citizen can show you care enough to send a message about what and who is important to you.

To this end, make sure you are registered to vote for the Nov. 7 election. The deadline is just days away. Oct. 10. See your registrar immediately.

And don't let your involvement end there. After this year's elections, immerse yourself in your community. Join your civic league, attend City Council meetings or at least watch them on the municipal cable station, talk to your council representatives.

Then, when it's time to vote next year, you'll be better informed and perhaps the ballot will reflect some of your interests.

In America, we do not have a perfect system, nor a perfect representation, nor a perfect government. But we do have the right to change that, and the first step is stepping into the voting booth to take advantage of your hard-fought right.

Register, then vote. — V.E.H.



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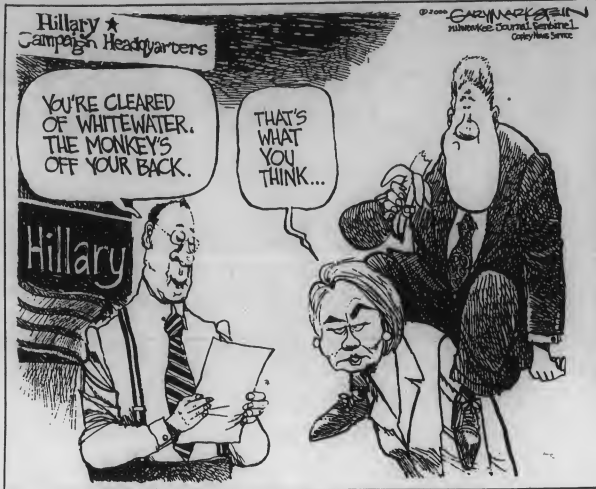
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Taking back our power

Folks often ask me what drives me so relentlessly when it comes to public affairs. A fair question, to be sure, given the high intensity of my interest in politics.

Strangely enough, it is not partisanship, although I am a partisan. Those who refuse to link their political efforts with a larger voice are not fully engaged. But my dedication is not to my political party but to the great ideal of representative government inaugurated in Philadelphia 224 years ago. As a student of history, I am keenly aware of how unique (and fragile) our great experiment in republican government truly is.

The democratic process itself, especially the dueling of ideas as we collectively wrestle with the solutions to communal problems, is what intrigues me. Perhaps my lifelong political activism arises from the fact that I was one of those youths whom John F. Kennedy challenged to ask first what they could do for their country. Whatever the reason, national consciousness has always been my strongest motivation for political involvement.

Of course, moving from state to state and even foreign lands as a US Marine Corps wife heightened that commitment to the larger American family even more. But the past two decades as a Virginian and resident

of Hampton Roads have caused me to fully appreciate how vital the decisions made at the state and local level serve our republic work or not work.

Whenever I hear the newly fashionable boast that "I have no interest in politics," I think how little that person must realize the import of what he or she is saying. Why would anyone brag about not caring about the fate of our country and society itself? Those who turn their back on the political process, either by paying no attention or by not voting, are not merely giving up a precious right, they are shirking the responsibility given every citizen under our Constitution.

It is also wrong-headed to argue that only those who pay attention should vote, because that means our "Great Experiment" can only fail! The foundation of our republican government is that the "general will" makes better decisions than any group, no matter how educated or expert its members are.

Why? Because a group will always look after their own self-interest more than the public good. The only way to have a government that values the public good above all else is to have it under the control of the governed.

But, we can not ascertain that will unless the general populace engages in the political process. Anything less is the slippery slope to the collapse of our republican institutions themselves.

The more special interest groups gain access and control over elected officials at every level of government, the more our public policies will serve only their agendas. Obviously, what goes out the window is accountability to the electorate and any hope for sound public policies themselves.

So, who is to blame for this sad state of affairs? Well, it is actually a combination. The American educational system has failed to teach our younger generations how fragile our representative system of government actually is. They neglected to inform them that successful republics are few and far between in all of recorded history, and that even those that were successfully launched all failed over time.

Their demise was always the result of internal corruption, not outside forces. Either the citizens began to take their representative government for granted and neglected their duties to it, or they fell for the lies of usurpers who gradually took away their power by consolidating all real political power into the hands of the few.

In a more immediate sense, however, it is the failure of the free press to play its role in informing the American public of the real choices being made in the halls of government as well as the positions of candidates seeking public office. Today's media wouldn't recognize the duty it owes to public affairs for the privilege of using the public square for profit if it fell over it. This is especially true of the television industry.

It is little wonder that Americans have become so turned off to our political process — first of all, they hear practically nothing about it. When was the last time you were became well-informed by watching any of your local TV stations on the critical news and issues facing our cities or state.

Your getting wet tomorrow because you don't have an umbrella, or some bizarre crime which has no significance in your life whatsoever, is far

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Only a few more months of Slick Willie

So our brave commander-in-chief plans to visit Vietnam.

Of course, he is 25 years late, but I guess he feels that it is now safe for him to go.

This draft dodging coward protested the war in Russia, giving aid and comfort to the enemy by doing so. The Vietnam War cost the lives of 58,000 brave Americans, but Bill Clinton was not one of them. He made sure of that by running away, just like he has done all of his life.

Now he has the gall to say that the detention of Wen Ho Lee, who pleaded guilty to a felony of mishandling nuclear weapons secrets, "is an embarrassment to our entire nation."

Good Lord! This degenerate carried on perverted acts in the Oval Office and made sex calls to Monica Lewinsky late at night on the White House phone. Has been accused of molesting a number of women. Lied to his wife and daughter, his staff, all of his friends and to the American people. Settled a lawsuit with Paula Jones, who claimed he asked her for a perverted sex act and was accused of rape by another woman.

Jennifer Flowers claims that she had a 12-year adulterous affair with him, and he was impeached, but not removed from office. Now he is worried that the "nation will be embarrassed?"

The nation could not be more embarrassed than by Bill Clinton. Thank God we only have a few more months of this sick man.

Hopefully, he will take the time to get treatment for his affliction, but I doubt it. No woman will be safe alone with Clinton until he does.

Hillary knows that he has a problem. Perhaps she can help him instead of always blaming someone else, especially "a vast Right Wing conspiracy."

It is a fact that Clinton has sent more troops to more foreign countries than any other president in history, costing the lives of Americans billions of dollars — and for what? During his terms in office, more jails have been built than schools. More children have been killed or injured in school than any other time. Our armed forces have been stripped to the minimum, and the White House bedrooms, Air Force One and Camp David have been sold to the highest bidder for campaign donations for Bill, Hillary and Al.

Clinton's followers say "So what if Clinton is a liar and adulterer and a disgrace? The economy is good."

There is another side to that belief and it goes like this: What is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? (Matthew 16:26)

Welcome to the real world.

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Nine-month clock winds down

It can't be that October is already here. It's autumn, the weather is wonderful and I can finally see the light at the end of the tunnel.

That is, with this pregnancy.

The end is drawing near. Soon — perhaps within a couple of weeks — there will be a new life in this world looking to Evan and me for everything. With that in mind I've been pondering the whole concept of parenting more than

one child and the challenges it will bring.

Of course, having two or more kids is nothing new. But it's new to me and opens up a whole new book of "what if's."

Honestly, I wonder how folks with large broods do it. The more the merrier, perhaps? Do they rely on siblings to entertain each other? And, most important, how do they afford four, five, six or more children?

To me, three would be about as daunting an undertaking imaginable. (My parents raised four, so I know it's doable. I just wonder what the secret is.)

To answer our questions, Evan and I have been pouring over every book and magazine article we can get our hands on. First, we clipped the ar-

ticles on introducing a new sibling to the older child.

That's an issue all in itself. For nearly two years, Mitch has had all the attention — lots of it — from doting parents, grandparents and friends. He's a happy, well-adjusted, likable little ham.

I wonder, will that change when his sister Abigail (Abby) comes along? Will green-eyed jealousy bring out a side we've never seen before? Or will he accept this new little person as someone else to love?

We have no idea. Of course, we've been trying to prepare him for the birth of his sister, by making him feel important as a big brother. We tell him there's a baby in Mommy's tummy. We ask him if he'll be our big brother when the baby arrives.

And sometimes we ask him if he's glad he'll be having a sister. Sometimes his answer is yes, sometimes no. Guess it depends on his mood.

Bringing a second child into the world also offers new challenges in the way of scheduling and how we do things. More than one person has told us that when baby two arrives, that it's for the doting grandparents offering to babysit and lavish attention on the grandchild.

One grandchild is fun, I've heard, and two is just plain work. One person even said, "You'll lose all your grandparents offers to babysit right away."

I hope not, but if that's the case it will be the first time we actually have to pay someone to watch Mitch — and soon his sister — so we can go out for a dinner, movie or to run errands without a little tagging.

Evan and I are prepared for the sleepless nights which will soon occur. Not that we get much sleep now

anyway. Being eight months along, I'm lying in bed, not comfortable any way and I awaken every 30 minutes to shift sides. This, in turn, wakes Evan up, as does my nightly trip to the bathroom.

Nope, we're ready for 2 a.m. feedings. I don't think we're prepared, however, for entertaining an energetic 2-year-old while trying to get a newborn to stop crying or fall asleep.

That's another concern — will the baby crying at night wake Mitch, putting two tired, cranky kids in our midst?

Time will only tell.

One thing I believe we have taken for granted with one child is the relative ease of going places. Sure, kids come with lots of stuff, like diaper bags. Now we're looking at carrying a diaper bag or two, an infant carrier seat (with baby) on one arm and a toddler on the other. Or, if he walks, we at least have to hold his hand.

Spare hands and time will be at a minimum.

One thing we are certain about, however, is that we will have enough love to go around. I admit that when we first found out I was pregnant, I wondered if there was any way I could have enough love for a second child.

Why? Because I love Mitchell so fiercely that it didn't seem there could possibly be more. But many experienced moms have told me you don't divide your love. It only grows.

I know that's true now, because we haven't seen Abby's face yet and I love her without end.

So two kids may be a challenge, but at least we know we can do it — as long as there's love (and occasional sleep).

New seawall ready to withstand test of storms, hurricanes

On June 24, the completion of the Beach Erosion Control and Hurricane Protection Project Seawall was celebrated with a dedication ceremony. The Army Corps of Engineers,



The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyer Oberdorf

ity for our city and region... reduced business losses... fewer dislocations for our visitors... and protection of one of the city's vital recreational resources — to mention safeguarding our beautiful resort area.

The higher, wider beach serves as the first line of defense in the face of a storm, absorbing the initial shock of the waves. A series of drop inlets located along the west side of the boardwalk carries the storm water through an under-boardwalk drainage system to two underground collection stations that pump it 2,000 feet offshore.

Finally, the height of the seawall itself offers protection, absorbing the wave energy and preventing flooding into oceanfront businesses.

The hurricane protection project also gives beach-goers, locals and visitors more room to frolic. The renourished beach is 280 feet wide at mid-tide, providing ample room for national spectator sporting events, such as volleyball and sand soccer. The higher, wider boardwalk — up to double the original width in some areas, means increased space for walking, running, in-line skating and special events, such as the Neptune Festival.

A separate bike path runs parallel and to the west of the boardwalk. Improved access to the beach was built in for pedestrians and for per-

Finally, the height of the seawall itself offers protection, absorbing the wave energy and preventing flooding into Oceanfront businesses.

sons with disabilities.

One century ago, the Galveston Hurricane of 1900 slammed the Gulf coast. It's known as the worst natural disaster this country has ever seen. It killed more people than the legendary Chicago Fire, the San Francisco Earthquake and the Johnstown Flood combined. That monster came in the Gulf of Mexico and left 8,000 dead, 5,000 injured and damaged more than 3,500 homes. After it blew over, survivors erected a seawall.

Much of our seawall was already erected this time last year when Virginia Beach was battered not by one, but by two ugly storms named Dennis and Floyd. The resort beach stood up against Dennis — which lasted a good week, and suffered only minor losses from Floyd. We eluded significant damage because the beach was healthy as the storms entered the city — healthy because of the city's Beach Erosion Control and Hurricane Protection Plan, which was developed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in partnership with the city.

When Neptune releases his fury again on the coast of Virginia Beach, this new seawall, along with the other elements of the Beach Erosion Control and Hurricane Protection Program, could save thousands of jobs and more than \$500 million in infrastructure. Most importantly, it could save thousands of lives.

The citizens of Virginia Beach, along with our businesses and visitors, can rest assured that should disaster strike, we've done everything in our power to be prepared.

Lisa Chandler White, media and communications coordinator for the Mayor's Office, contributed to this column.

American Heart Walk slated at TCC-Va. Beach

The American Heart Association will hold its annual American Heart Walk on Sunday, Oct. 15 at the Virginia Beach campus of Tidewater Community College. Registration begins at noon and the walk kicks off at 1 p.m. with a performance by Norfolk State University's award-winning marching band. More than 2,000 walkers are expected to participate in the walk which benefits the American Heart Association.

In conjunction with the walk, more than 50 instructors will teach cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training classes. The free CPR classes will be offered in three rotating classes of 90 minutes each, with registration beginning at 12:30 p.m. and the first class starting at 1:30 p.m. According to a recent estimate by the American Heart Association, 80 percent of all cardiac emergencies happen at home, which means that most people perform CPR on a loved one.

The class offers a unique opportunity to people interested in learning the basics of CPR in that participants begin to learn the steps in hopes that they will be encouraged to take the full three hour course and become certified. Participants are expected to recognize cardiac emergencies, as well as perform CPR and the Heimlich maneuver

on adults. They practice these skills on CPR manikins in small groups with a certified instructor.

In addition to the three-mile walk and the free CPR training classes, the afternoon will be filled with exciting and healthy activities for the whole family to enjoy, including free health screenings and a children's carnival. Free health screenings are offered for blood pressure, cholesterol, body fat composition, fitness testing, lung capacity testing, and much more. Children are encouraged to wear their favorite Halloween costume to win a prize for the best Halloween costume. There will also be clowns and a moonwalk to keep the children entertained.

The American Heart Association spent about \$327 million during fiscal year 1998-99 on research, support, public and professional education and community programs. With more than 3 million volunteers, the American Heart Association is the largest voluntary health organization fighting heart diseases and other cardiovascular diseases, which annually kill more than 950,000 Americans.

To register for the American Heart Walk or a free CPR training class, or to find out more about the American Heart Association call, 671-8636.

Parade your pooch!

Strut your mutt! Parade your pooch!

The Virginia Beach SPCA's Walk for the Animals 2000 promises to be even bigger than last year's Walk, which raised a record \$38,000 for the animals. The walk takes place at 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29 at the 25th Street Oceanfront Park in Virginia Beach, with the actual walk of less than a mile taking place up and down the boardwalk.

Call now for a walk brochure and start building a sponsor list early to win better prizes. Top prize is a \$500 shopping spree at MacArthur Center, with additional prizes for

the most entertaining silly pet trick and the most creative pet, child and adult costumes. Each walker receives food and drinks, a goodie bag, plus special prizes awarded based on fundraising levels, including special Walk for the Animals 2000 long-sleeved T-shirts.

Groups of four people or more can register as a Walk Team and compete for bragging rights and top dog team trophies. Retailers can also help by selling Walk 2000 Paw Prints at their stores.

Call the VBSPCA, 427-0070, to order a Walk for the Animals 2000 brochure.

Up close and personal

Sylvia Hallock: 'Infectious Habitatus'

By Victoria Hecht
Editor

After more than 20 years in the classroom as a Virginia Beach educator, Sylvia Hallock found yet another fulfilling career eight years ago with an organization that improves the quality of life for countless people.

Executive director of South Hampton Roads Habitat for Humanity, Hallock discovered the humanitarian organization while on sabbatical to further her education.

In 1992, while working on a PhD in urban services at Old Dominion University, Hallock was searching for a major project for school when she picked up a newspaper and read an article about Habitat for Humanity.

"I thought, 'That's something I've always wanted to volunteer for. Maybe I can figure out a project that will tie Habitat and education together,'" she reminisced.

Hallock first thought about the Virginia Beach schools' career education center where vocational-technology courses were taught.

"I knew they had a very good building trades program in that school," she said. "So if I could get those kids to be the labor source on a house, that would give them real experience. Habitat seemed like the logical place to go for money and resources to do that."

Hallock spent the next few weeks organizing the project. She met with the local Habitat for Humanity board president — a local builder — and was inspired by his passion to help others.

Hallock admits she got a bad case of "Infectious Habitatus" herself. She was quickly hooked on the cause.

The first house she was involved with — a schools/Habitat partnership — was built in 1993.

And Hallock had found her calling.

She became the first staff member, albeit part-time, employed by Habitat for Humanity here. She has been there since. Today, the local program employs six people, boasts a strong board of directors, has completed 70 homes and has about 25 under construction.

As executive director, Hallock is a busy woman with a passion for her work. She credits a dedicated staff and wonderful board to the success of South Hampton Roads' Habitat chapter. In 1999, the local program was ranked 29th nationally in production of homes. Next year, she estimates this area will rise even higher on the list thanks to the Millennium Build 2000 and Battleship Group projects at Chesapeake Square in Chesapeake.

In September, 10 new homes in the former Foundation Park were dedicated, and work on 14 more there is getting started.

Hallock believes her biggest duty as executive director of the local program is being a "team builder." But fundraising and public relations are important jobs, too. To increase Habitat's exposure, she has also joined many organizations — all the better for spreading the word about an organization whose mission is to "help build simple, decent housing with God's people in need."

She said the local program has been so successful because, unlike other Habitat groups scurrying to raise funds for builds, Hampton Roads works to find a sponsor for each home it builds.

"We've gone to businesses, churches, banks, colleges — group that already have a communication system in place," she explained. "A business can see how it will help their employees to work together. It becomes a team-building activity."

There is always a need for more sponsors, she said, just as there are always people who need good, affordable housing. Currently, there are 70 candidates-in-training awaiting new homes. To "earn" their house, the future homeowners attend monthly training sessions for a year to prepare them for the responsibility. They also have to put in "sweat equity" — actual labor toward homes being constructed.

"Homeownership is a big responsibility. It's not easy," Hallock asserted. "I wish somebody had prepared me for homeownership the way we do these Habitat families."

She added, "Here's something else about Habitat I bet most people don't know. We're also a mortgage company — we're the only interest-free loan around."

A resident of Chesapeake's Las Gaviotas community, Hallock said the job stays fresh. "I love what I do. There's a different challenge and opportunity every day, though sometimes I can't tell the difference between the challenges and the opportunities," she mused.

Now that South Hampton Roads' Habitat program is firmly established, Hallock said the vision has changed.

"The vision has gotten bigger. For so many years, our goal was to increase



production of homes. We've done that. Now our new vision is to eliminate substandard housing in our community."

One organization can't do it alone, she said, nor can it tackle all substandard housing at once.

"But if we can 'eat the elephant chunk by chunk,'" Hallock said, "it can be done."

A Princess Anne County native, her other passion is golf. Hallock is a member of the Career Women's Golf Association at Honey Bee and plays "but not as often as I'd like." She is also president of the Women's Forum and Women's Forum Foundation and Virginia Executive Directors Council for Habitat for Humanity.

She is a board member for Christmas in April and the Hampton Roads Graceland Loan Foundation. Memberships include Business Networking International (Power Net Chapter), Tidewater Mortgage Bankers Association and National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors.

Name: Sylvia Hallock.

What brought you to this area: My family has been here for six generations.

Hometown: Princess Anne County/Virginia Beach.

Age: 62.

Nickname: SAM. Those were my initials before I was married.

Occupation: Executive director, South Hampton Roads Habitat for Humanity.

Marital Status: I'm married to Habitat.

Children: Stephanie Hicks, 36, director of development for Charleston, W. Va. Habitat for Humanity.

Favorite movies: Anything weird and offbeat. I like mind-benders.

Favorite magazines: Most of my reading is now work-related.

Favorite author: F. Scott Fitzgerald.

Favorite night out on the town: Dinner and a movie with friends, or the Virginia Opera.

Favorite restaurants: Prince Coffeehouse for lunch, Blue Hippo for dinner.

Favorite meal and beverage: Rack of lamb and a glass of Merlot.

What most people don't know about me: I played jazz saxophone in a combo through high school and college.

Best thing about myself: I am loyal to my friends and family and dedicated to my work.

Worst habit: Procrastination.

Pets: None currently. I have raised and trained German Shepherds and Standard Poodles.

Hobbies: Golf.

Ideal vacation: I think I'm about to experience it. I'm going on a two-week cruise along the coast of South Carolina in November.

Pet peeves: People who don't keep their word.

First job: First part-time was the jazz combo in high school. First real full-time job was teaching in Virginia Beach City Public Schools. That one lasted 27 years.

Least liked job: My worst job was also one of my most exciting jobs. I was part owner of a restaurant and loved it until I ran out of money! I was a really good prep cook and dishwasher.

Favorite sports team: ODU Lady Monarchs.

Favorite musicians: Anything by Mozart and The Buena Vista Social Club.

Most embarrassing moment: I had just finished making a presentation to my Habitat board of directors. As I was walking out of the room my half-slip just slid down around my ankles. I stepped out of it, tucked it in my beltcase and kept on walking. My board president said he had never seen anyone handle a situation like that with such grace.

How I would like to be remembered: As one who loved, laughed and worked with abandon!

If I received \$1 million: I would create an endowment for "The House That Jill Built," our women's project. They would be funded "in perpetuity" — my dream.

If I had 10 minutes on national television: I would play the saxophone with Bill Clinton. And then I would ask everybody to send money to South Hampton Roads Habitat for Humanity so we can eliminate substandard housing in our community.

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275 years later, Lynnhaven House is still 'home'

Volunteers help mark anniversary Sunday

By Bob Rueggesser
Correspondent

Two hundred-and-seventy-five years ago, Francis and Abigail Thelaball had a sturdy brick house built in Princess Anne County near the Lynnhaven River and the Chesapeake Bay on Cattail Creek. The Thelaballs' brick home has grown old very gracefully. The past centuries have, indeed, been kind. Miraculously, the original structure has survived the ages almost completely intact. The existing house is estimated to be about 80 to 85 percent original and has been called a local treasure and an architectural gem.

By modern standards, it is a modest structure in size, but by colonial standards, it was a splendid home.

Most Virginia families of the period lived in one room unpainted wooden shacks covered by riven clapboards with dirt floors and oiled canvas window coverings. Their fireplaces were structures formed with fired mud and logs. There was very little that distinguished the average Virginian's home from the quarters of plantation slaves.

Today, the Thelaball's home is known as the Lynnhaven House. It has been known as the Boush House and the Wishart House, although the Thelaballs probably just called it home.

Site administrator Shirley Bueche and her staff of costumed volunteers share the venerable old place with visitors through house tours and special historical programs during the year. They gently usher guests back to the 18th century and make the house and furnishings come to life. They help to transform the Lynnhaven House into a colonial home.

If the Lynnhaven House is Virginia Beach's best kept secret, it's certainly no fault of the staff volunteers who have embraced the enchanting colonial home as their own.

Locally, Bueche and her associates are doing just about everything and anything they can to promote their "little jewel" and share its history.

"One of the things that we are continually trying to do is to let



CLEAN SWEEP. Docent Elizabeth Beadle regards the Lynnhaven House as a friendly place and family home.



SEEING THE LIGHT. Lanterns and candles provided 18th-century Virginians with light at night. Electricity had not been discovered yet.

Walking up the three wooden steps that lead into the kitchen is like taking a step back in time. With all the cooking implements, dried herbs hanging from the ceiling, and the huge fireplace, guests have the sensation that they have entered a colonial farmer's home.

people in the general area know who we are and what we do here," he said.

She can't count the times that people have approached her after a tour and commented on the "little jewel of a house."

That often repeated comment is invariably followed by the question: "Why haven't I heard about this before?"

Nestled between two churches on Wishart Road, the Lynnhaven House site is less than a quarter of a mile from busy Independence Boulevard. At the five-acre site, the contemporary world is kept at arms length by a wooded lot and an open field.

From the parking lot on Wishart Road, visitors approach the historic home via a wooded path. Somewhere along that enchanted path the modern world begins to fade and colonial Virginia begins to emerge. A path paved with broken oyster shells leads visitors to the open kitchen door where they are cheerfully greeted by a costumed docent.

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"We try to create a feeling that there's life on-going in this house," said Bueche.

"It's a simple, but charming place, and I think that comes across to people," she said. "I think that's what gives them the feeling that it's authentic."

A feeling of tranquility, a peacefulness, seems to envelop this colonial homestead—and its environs. Tours are conducted at a leisurely pace.

"We don't try to rush people through. We try to treat them as

our guests — as though they've come to visit us and our home," Bueche explained.

While the agreeable setting, period furnishings, and English-bond brick house set the stage, it is the volunteers — re-enactors, interpreters, and docents — that actually bring colonial Virginia to life for Lynnhaven House visitors.

Among these volunteers is Darrell Nolen, a re-enactor with the 7th Virginia Regiment of Foote, who lives in the neighborhood. Nolen frequently offers his services as a colonial longhunter or rifleman for special events and programs. He likes the atmosphere at Lynnhaven House as well as the structure itself. Nolen admires the architectural simplicity of the house. He likes looking at the hand-made bricks and the mortar that has held them together for centuries.

"It's worth preserving sites like this one because if everything around here is built up, you miss the history — the heritage of the area," said Nolen.

"It's a comfortable feeling to be able to come to a place like this and to drop back into the era of the 1720s, the 1740s and talk to people about it," he confided.

"When I walk across those wide-plank floors and walk up those steps, I think about all the people who have lived here since the house was built," said Nolen.

"To find the house in the state of preservation that it is today is a remarkable thing," he said. "I would recommend it to a tourist who wants to get a taste of the colonial era in Virginia Beach."

Ellen Barta, another volunteer, has been a docent at the Lynnhaven House for 12 years. Barta has a special appreciation for what she calls the "simple but abundant living" that went on during colonial times. She also enjoys the calm, quiet lifestyle of the colonial period that is depicted at the site.

Barta fell in love with the idea that the clothing and fabrics of the period were handmade. Barta has made many of the outfits worn by Lynnhaven House docents. She feels that providing costumes for new volunteers eliminates one of

Admission is \$10 and reservations are required. Call 456-0351 or 481-2145.

the obstacles to becoming a docent.

"There's a difference in the way that you carry yourself when you have skirts that drag on the floor when you walk up the steps," said Barta. "You walk with a slowness. You walk around the fire with a deliberateness. You generally don't hustle... and move quite as fast."

Nell Burkhardt, another long-time docent, agreed with Barta on the colonial costumes.

"They (the costumes) really add to the atmosphere of the house. We wouldn't look or feel as good as we do if we did the tours in our street clothes," explained Burkhardt.

Elizabeth Beadle is a Lynnhaven House docent who hails from the south coast of England. "I really wanted to get involved with something local — that was historical," she said.

"I can take you to a village in Somerset, England, which has a little stream running down the middle and a row of houses very similar to this — not identical — but very similar," she said. "They look similar from the outside, but they have been modernized and are still occupied by 21st century families today."

Beadle finds her work at the Lynnhaven House fascinating. She is particularly intrigued by English traditions and how they have been exported, modified, and adapted in America.

"It's a friendly house. It has a friendly atmosphere," she said. "When you come in here — whether you know the family history or read it in a book — you realize that this has been a family home."

During the 1960s, the house was occupied by tenant farmers.

"I find that fascinating," said Beadle. "Here is a house that is 275 years old, but still it was occupied until a very short time ago. People lived here, and people raised families here. It was a home," she said. "For me it's a link to part of my heritage that I'm privileged to have



STEP BACK IN TIME. A huge hearth dominates the Lynnhaven House kitchen. Microwaves, and even stoves, were unheard of 275 years ago.



IT'S STILL STANDING. Lynnhaven House was built near the Lynnhaven River on Cattail Creek by Francis and Abigail Thelaball in 1725. It will celebrate its 275th birthday on Sunday.

a look at," Beadle added.

The Lynnhaven House is owned by the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities (APVA) and listed on the national and state register of historic houses.

On Oct. 8 at 2 p.m. the 275th anniversary of the Lynnhaven House will be celebrated during the annual Taste of Music, Wit and Wine program at the historic house. Admission is \$10 and reservations are required. Call 456-0351 or 481-2145 for additional information.



COME ON IN. Lynnhaven House site administrator Shirley Bueche said, "It's a simple, but charming place, and I think that comes across to people." The home will celebrate its 275th anniversary Sunday.

Fall apples, grapes look good

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Martin's Vineyards is best known for its peaches, and David said that a lot of people are surprised to find that they also grow apples and grapes. The apples, which are coming into their prime season now, will be available for picking through October, and scuppernon grapes are also ripening now.

This year's crop is especially promising, David said. A month of cool nights have given the apples good color and texture, and severe ocean breezes or windstorms, the fruit grower's worst nightmare, have stayed away from Knotts Island this year.

"These cool nights have given them good color," David said, plucking a ruddy apple from the tree. "Look at that: you can't get any redder than that. Red is red."

Apples are most often associated with the Virginia mountains, but Knotts Island's sandy soil and dry ocean breezes make it a productive fruit-growing area, David said.

"We didn't get as much rain this year as they got in Virginia Beach this summer. We were getting an inch a week while they were getting three or four inches. It's always dry on Knotts Island. The ocean wind blows the rain away, and the soil's sandy and real well-drained."

"A lot of people don't know that we grow apples here," he continued, "because we don't wholesale them. The pick-your-own people get all of them and, this time of the year, people are also looking for the grapes."

Martin's Vineyard offers a variety of green and red apples, and the type that you want largely depends on whether you like them sweet or tart, Jean said. "We have Fuji apples, which are a Japanese variety," she said. "They're good for eating

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David Martin

But if you're not into scampering along the waterfront, it's worth the drive down there just to sample the wine.

"It was a beautiful day, and we just decided to take a ride," said Patricia Follett, also of Virginia Beach. "We just happened to find it. I had no idea there was a winery down here."

Martin's Vineyard will be open for apple picking from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. throughout October. The winery is open from 12 noon to 6 p.m. daily throughout the year. From Virginia Beach, take Princess Anne Road south to Knotts Island, then follow the signs to Martin's Vineyard.

Power

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or cooking. They're good mixed with Granny Smiths and Red Delicious in a pie, because they're kind of mixed tart and sweet."

Red and Golden Delicious apples, she said, tend to be very sweet apples, while the vivid green Granny Smith's are more tart.

The apple, peach and grape wines that the Martins sell are produced from fruit grown on their farm, and they sell a variety of red and white wines.

Martin's Farm, which overlooks Back Bay, also offers a picnic area on the waterfront for the daytrippers who come from Hampton Roads to pick fruit and sample the wines.

"We come down here about four times a year," said Harry Putnam of Virginia Beach, who was playing along the waterfront with his son, Harry II, on a recent brisk Sunday. "We come to pick the fruit, but it's more of an outing than anything else. We pack a picnic and spend the afternoon."

more the stuff of TV news than the issues and elections that will affect your quality of life and the future of your community and your children.

And, the national press is no better. There we hear nothing but a constant stream of banality, probably because the reporters are no better informed on the substantive issues than you and I. So, they spend all their time disseminating political spin rather than reporting on the issues or forcing candidates to take a stand we can hold them to.

But the most important culprit stares back at us in the mirror every morning. Yet, all is not lost. We must remember that the genius of America is that we never, and I mean never, give up when our cause is just. And, what could be more just than wrestling our God-given right to govern ourselves away from the oligarchic power of corporate America that stole it?

Looking back on Neptune Festival 2000



SCRUTINIZING EYE. A judge casts a critical eye on the sand castle crafted by Bob Jordan during the Neptune Festival Sand Sculpting Competition last weekend. The contest is always a big draw.



THREE CHEERS! American Cheer Elite, the Co-Ed Senior All-Stars, strut their stuff during the festival cheering competition.



JUST DUCKY. Youngsters enjoyed games of chance on the beach during the last weekend of the month-long Neptune Festival.



ALL ABOARD. A family checks out the military displays and watercraft during Boardwalk Weekend.



UP A WALL. Youths tested their abilities on a rock climbing wall during Boardwalk Weekend events.



ALL HAIL THE KING. King Neptune was embodied in sand over and over during the sand-sculpting competition at the oceanfront.



PACKED BOARDWALK. Thousands flocked to the oceanfront this weekend for the Neptune Festival round-up.

Photos by Jim DeAngio



END OF SUMMER. "I'm drenched! It's fun and cold!" these children screamed as they played in the waves during Boardwalk Weekend, the unofficial "end of summer" at Virginia Beach.



WATCH OUT! John Harvey of Virginia Beach and daughter Courtney, 5, take a spin in bumper cars during the Boardwalk Weekend festivities. Dad declared, "This is pretty much the end of summer for us."

State of Schools luncheon, military luncheon highlight month

The Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce is presenting these events in October.

■ **Friday, Oct. 13, Military Citizen of the Year Luncheon**, noon/Radisson Hotel, Norfolk - This annual event is the forum for presenting the Samuel T. Northern award to recognize the spirit of pride and generosity in the Armed Forces. Cost is \$50/HRCC members and \$60/non-members (provides for yourself and one military guest); or a table for five business associates and five military guests, \$250/HRCC members and \$300/non-members. For more information call, 664-2522.

■ **Tuesday, Oct. 17, Fleet Week Golf Tournament**, noon/Aeroplanes Golf Course, Oceana Naval Air Station - 4-man, Florida best ball tournament with a shotgun start. Cost is \$100/HRCC members; \$50/military (active duty/reduced); \$125/non-members. Cost includes greens fees, driving range, cart rental, lunch, golf survival kit, on-course refreshments and awards dinner. Reservations required and no cancellations after Oct. 12. For more information or to register call, 664-2521.

■ **Tuesday, Oct. 17, Chesapeake State of the Schools**, 8 a.m. breakfast/Holiday Inn-Chesapeake - This annual event allows Dr. Randolph Nichols the opportunity to give his State of the Schools address to the business community. Chesapeake Partners in Education also will be honored. Cost is \$15/HRCC mem-

bers; \$10/Chesapeake Public School employees; \$135/table of 10. Reservations required, call the Reservations Hotline at 664-2558. For more information call, 664-2591.

■ **Wednesday, Oct. 18, Portsmouth Military Appreciation Luncheon**, noon/Holiday Inn-Old Towne Portsmouth - Join the chamber in saluting Portsmouth's strong military community. Reservations required. For more information call, 664-2591.

■ **Thursday, Oct. 19, Business After Hours**, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m./Norfolk Airport Hilton - The chamber's most popular networking event. Cost: \$7/HRCC members and \$15/non-members. Reservations not required. For more information call Tonya Melton, 664-2521.

■ **Friday, Oct. 27, Fall Fling**, 5 - 9 p.m./North Landing, Portsmouth - This popular outdoor networking event features music by Hot Cakes, barbecue dinner and adult beverages. Advanced dinner ticket: \$8/HRCC members and \$13/non-members; general admission: \$3, includes one drink ticket. Call the chamber's Reservation Hotline at 664-2558 for advanced dinner ticket sales. Reservations not required for general admission. For more information call Karen Motil, 664-2521.

■ **Wednesday, Nov. 1, Suffolk Golf Tournament**, 10 a.m. Shotgun Start/Nansemond River Golf Course, Suffolk - Enjoy a day of

relaxing golf on the region's premier waterfront course. Cost includes cart, greens fees, range balls, food, beverages and the dinner and awards presentation. Cost: \$75/HRCC members and \$100/non-members. To reserve a space call the chamber's Reservation Hotline, 664-2558. For more information call, 664-2522.

■ **Thursday, Nov. 2, CEO Welcome Breakfast**, 8 a.m./Town Point Club, Norfolk - Join regional business and elected leadership as they welcome new CEOs to Hampton Roads. This is an unusual opportunity to meet and build linkages with a number of top executives from across the region. Cost: \$15/person or \$145/table of 10 for HRCC members; \$20/person or \$200/table of 10 for non-members. Reservations required by Oct. 26. Call the Reservation Hotline, 664-2558. For more information call, 664-2575.

Ongoing events include: Lunch and Learn Series - This month's series of small business education seminars focuses on etiquette for the workplace. The speaker will be Suzanne Thoe, president of Protocol and Etiquette Services of Virginia. This cost is \$10/HRCC members and \$15/non-members. Bring your own lunch, drinks are provided.

For reservations or more information call Pat Knowles, 664-2591. Sessions will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



Fields of Green

The Phillips Gallery at Cape Henry Collegiate is hosting a show by artist Rieneke Leenders. Renowned for her sensitive portraits and rich watercolors, Leenders has changed mediums and styles for this show. These acrylic paintings depicting lush garden views are intense enough in color to be referred to as "jewels" for the walls. The show runs through Nov. 1. Gallery hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Scare up a good time and help the children

Scarecrows are usually designed to frighten away birds, but at McDonald Garden Center they are being made to raise funds for the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters.

Businesses and families are invited to participate Oct. 14-15 at the fifth annual Make A Scarecrow Event at McDonald Garden Centers in Hampton, Virginia Beach and Chesapeake. Cross bars and old clothes will be provided for scarecrow construction.

Registration fees are \$30 per scarecrow for businesses and \$15 for a family of four. Last year the event drew more than 300 entrants and raised more than \$4,000. Scarecrows will be displayed at the garden centers and the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters.

"This is a colorful and fun way to celebrate the season and support a very important institution," says Pat Overton, marketing manager for McDonald Garden Center. "It's also a great team exercise for businesses and provides an ideal business decoration for the fall and Halloween."

Scarecrow-making at McDonald's Garden Centers runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 and from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15. McDonald Garden Centers are located at 1144 Independence Blvd. in Virginia Beach, at 3925 Portsmouth Blvd. in Chesapeake and 1139 W. Pembroke Ave. in Hampton.

For more information contact Pat Overton, 722-7463, or Scott McCaskey, 625-2518.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

■ **Pembroke Meadows Elementary School PTA**, 820 Cathedral Dr., will hold a Walk-In-Your-Child's Shoes/Curriculum Night Tuesday, Oct. 10 for kindergarten through second grade at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria, and on Tuesday, Oct. 17 for third through fifth grade at 6:30 in the school cafeteria. Featured will be a presentation by Virginia Beach City Public Schools math coordinator Judy Fisher, followed by visits to the classroom where parents will become the students. For further information call, 473-5020.

■ **The students of Creeds Elementary School** will have their first skating party at Strawberry Skating Rink on Sunday, Oct. 8 between the hours of 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$3.50 per child, which includes admission, rental of skates or rollerblades, as well as exclusive use of the rink and the snack bar.

■ **Creeds Elementary School** will hold a PTA Board meeting on Oct. 17 at 6 p.m. Following the board meeting, there will be a short general meeting at 7 p.m. at which time the kindergarten class will perform for family and friends on the new stage.

■ **Creeds Elementary School** will have a special guest on Monday, Oct. 16 to open Scholastic Books, Book Fair. Liz the Lizard from The Magic School Bus will be greeting the kids as they get off the buses. The book fair will run Oct. 16-19. The book fair will be opened during the school day between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. It will also be opened to the public during the PTA meeting on the evening of Oct. 17 from 6 to 8 p.m.

■ **On Wednesday, Oct. 18** Glenwood Elementary School will provide an inservice for parents on the new math program in Virginia Beach that is being used in grades Kindergarten through fifth grade. The presentation will be in the cafeteria from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. for parents of students in grades K-2, and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. for parents of students in grades 3-5.

■ **On Monday, Oct. 30**, Burt Segal will offer a 90-minute workshop titled "Smart Discipline for Parents." This workshop will be held in Glenwood's cafeteria from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

■ **Beginning Monday, Oct. 23**, Glenwood Elementary will be holding after-school tutoring for students in grades four and five to help the students meet the SOL standards. The tutoring sessions will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:45 to 4:15 p.m. The students will receive remediation in the areas of language arts and math.

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In execution of a Deed of Trust from Christine Marie Driscoll dated June 29, 1993 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3237, page 2209, securing a loan which was originally \$71,688.00. Default having occurred.

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Taste of Brunswick Festival

Friday, Saturday, & Sunday
— October 13, 14, & 15 —

Friday • October 13

- Official Festival Ribbon Cutting Downtown
- Special Store Events
- Judging of the Window Decorating Contest
- Art Show & Sale at Brunswick County Library
- Football Game at Brunswick Senior High
- Homecoming at Brunswick Academy



Saturday • October 14

- Downtown Parade at 10 a.m.
- Famous Brunswick Stew Cook-Offs
- Rides & Games for Children
- Giant Yard Sales
- Arts & Crafts
- Flower Sale
- Health Screenings
- Horses, Race Cars, Antique Cars
- Displays, Music, & Puppet Shows
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Libraries celebrate Teen Read Week

Virginia Beach Public Library will observe Teen Read Week, <http://www.vabla.org/teenread/> Oct. 16-21, in a variety of ways that explore the theme of "Take Time to Read." Teens surveyed nationally last year identified lack of time as the biggest barrier to reading.

■ The "Create Your Own World of Narnia" Art Contest concludes Oct. 15 just as Teen Read Week starts. Pick up an entry at any Virginia Beach Public Library and you may win a trip to New York. All entries will benefit the Boys and Girls Club of America, <http://www.harperchildrens.com/hc-harnamcontest.htm>

■ Chapter-a-Day is an online book club that introduces you to good reading by sharing the beginnings of books in short emails. (If you don't have email, you can use

a library computer to sign up). Just in time for Teen Read Week, a new teen chapter-a-day will feature books written for young adults. This is a great way to find time to read.

■ Also on the Internet, during Teen Read Week teens can vote for the "best book they have read this year, so far" when they log on to www.vabla.org/teenhoopla. The results of the poll will be announced soon after Teen Read Week ends.

■ Locally, Kids Voting will co-sponsor a Magazine Election at Bayside, Central, Great Neck, Kempville, Windsor Woods, Oceanfront and Pungo-Blackwater libraries. Vote for the magazine subscription you'd most like your library to have and we'll subscribe to the top vote-getter at each library. <http://www.kidsvotingusa.org/>

Calling all Chevy lovers!

Virginia Chevy Lovers will have a Poker Run on Oct. 14 to benefit the American Diabetes Association and the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society. Open to all makes and models, registration that day and starting point will be in front of the Old Country Buffet at Greenbrier Shopping Center from 9 to 11 a.m.

Registration on or before Sept. 30 will be \$15 and \$20 after that date.

For additional information or to register send fee to John Cancel, 828 Trillium Place, Virginia Beach 23464. Call 424-1884 for more information.

Zonta Club seeks members

Zonta International is a network of professional businesswomen committed to improving the status of women worldwide. The Zonta Club of Hampton Roads works to accomplish this through our local service projects along with our support of local, national and international efforts to assist and educate all women.

The club will meet Oct. 11 at the Holiday Inn Executive Center (off Newtown Road) at 6 p.m. Speaker will be the associate director for public outreach for Al-Anon Family Groups. Cost is \$20.

To make a reservation contact Shelby Woodard, 923-3308. To obtain more information about Zonta International or The Zonta Club of Hampton Roads contact June Lee Nix, 420-3479, or Charity Perry, 627-6112.

AARP to meet

Princess Anne AARP Chapter 5119 will meet at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10 at the Princess Anne Recreation Center located at 1400 Ferrell Pkwy. Duane Hass will present a video on voting. At 12:30 p.m. the Virginia Beach Health Department will conduct blood pressure readings. Visitors and prospective members, age 55 and over, are welcome. For additional information call, 430-2646 or 426-7023.

Linkhorn Park Gardeners meet

The Linkhorn Park Garden Club will meet Friday (today) at 11 a.m. at the Princess Anne Country Club. Frances Thrash will speak on "design basics." Phyllis Elms from the Princess Anne Plaza Garden Club will judge arrangements made by Linkhorn Park Garden Club members.

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curred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on October 13, 2000 at 8:02 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 3, in Block 8, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Subdivision of Willow Wood Kempville Borough, Virginia Beach, Virginia," Tax Map #14679407050000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$6,500.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: FHA

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
1112 Valley Stream Court
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from John Van Orden, III and Shirlene K. Van Orden dated May 30, 1986, and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 2509, page 103, securing a loan which was originally \$93,900.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on October 13, 2000 at 8:01 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 14, Block A, as shown on that plat of Indian Lakes Subdivision, Section B-1. Tax Map #146579-2601-0001.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$8,000.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

Public Notice

Virginia:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
THE CITY OF VIRGINIA
BEACH

Commonwealth of Virginia,
Plaintiff v.

\$380.00 United States Currency
(Travis McLean) CL99-003010;
\$1,193.00 United States Currency
(Aitha L. Russell) CL97-000128;

\$520.00 United States Currency
(Danny L. Hamlin), CL99-002377
Defendants

Order of Publication and Affidavit

THIS DAY CAME the Attorney

for the Commonwealth and moved this Honorable Court to forfeit to the Commonwealth of Virginia the above referenced items that were seized between May 15, 1997 and October 22, 1999.

An information was made, signed and filed with the Circuit Court Clerk's Office on each of the above matters. Said information stated the owner(s) of the property and the last known address(es) of the owner(s) at the time the information was filed.

It appearing that the whereabouts of at least one of the parties/defendants in each of the matters stated hereinabove is currently unknown, and that a registered letter has been mailed to their last known addresses, it is hereby ORDERED, that all parties appear on or before December 13, 2000, and do whatever is necessary to protect their interest in said property, including but not limited to filing a written Answer under oath, and setting the matter for trial on another date.

It is further ORDERED that pursuant to Section 19-2-386.3(B) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, this Order of Publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Virginia Beach.

Curtis Fruit, Clerk of the Court

By: Barbara S. Murden, Deputy Clerk

ENTER this 13th day of September, 2000.

I ask for this:
HARVEY L. BRYANT, III
COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY

By Megan C.Z. Capolito,
Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney

1. Megan C.Z. Capolito, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney, after having first duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

That pursuant to Section 8.01-316 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of the above listed parties.

Megan C.Z. Capolito, Affiant
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH, to-wit:

Brenda L. Barger, a Notary Public in and for the City and State aforesaid, hereby certify that the foregoing Affidavit of Megan C.Z. Capolito, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney, was sworn to and subscribed to before me this 7th day of September, 2000.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires

1/31/01

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
4893 Shallowford Circle
Virginia Beach, VA 23462

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$78,285.00, from Lawrence S. Hubbard and Josephine A. Hubbard, Grantor, dated December 22, 1993, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH on December 30, 1993, in Book 3327 at Page 942, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the main entrance of the Courthouse for the Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach, 2305 Judicial Blvd., Virginia Beach, Virginia on 10/31/2000 at 9:00 A.M., the property with improvements to wit: THAT CERTAIN condominium unit known as "UNIT NO. 4893" in Brennen Farm Condominium, located in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, and as further designated and described in that certain declaration entitled "DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM OF BRENNEN FARM CONDOMINIUM", dated September 19, 1991, and recorded September 19, 1991, in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3019, at page 508, (hereinafter referred to as the "Declaration") together with its applicable undivided interest in certain common elements, all more particularly described and allocated in the Declaration, as amended from time to time. And described in the above Deed of Trust.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price will be required in cash, certified or cashier's check. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustees may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale.

Loan Type: VA
(Trustee: L63007VIR)
Substitute Trustee:
DRAPER & GOLDBERG,

PLLC
750 Miller Drive, Suite C-1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-7101
Email: kellin@dragprod.com
(09/15/00, 09/22/00, 09/29/00, 10/06/00) (26854)

Public Notice

TRUSTEE'S SALE
1948 Sydenham Trail
Virginia Beach, VA

IN EXECUTION OF Deed of Trust made by Lloyd B. Renwick, dated August 20, 1997, recorded in Virginia Beach Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Deed Book 3783, at page 356, securing Note in original principal amount of \$30,000.00, default having been made in payment of debt thereby secured, and at request of beneficiary thereunder, the undersigned Substitute Trustee, will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, at the front door of Virginia Beach Circuit Court, 2401 Courthouse Boulevard, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on October 12, 2000, at 2:00 p.m., the property conveyed in said Deed of Trust and briefly described as:

All of Lot 7, in Block A, as shown on that certain plat entitled, Subdivision of Rosemont Forest, Section 10, Part 3, Kempville Borough, Virginia Beach, Virginia, which said plat is duly recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Map Book 187, Page 12.

EXPRESSLY SUBJECT TO that deed of trust to Navy Federal Credit Union recorded in Book 3187, Page 1564, in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia.

TERMS OF SALE: CASH. Property is being sold "AS IS", without any representations or warranties, SUBJECT to the rights of any person in possession and to all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, defects, encumbrances, adverse claims, or liens, whether filed or inchoate, which have priority over the Deed of Trust.

Deposit of 10% cash, certified or cashier's check, will be required of successful bidder immediately after sale; settlement must be within 10 days from date of sale. TIME BEING OF THE ESSENCE, or property to be resold at cost to defaulting purchaser, and Trustee shall have the right to recover from defaulting purchaser any deficiency resulting from resale. All costs of conveying, examination of title, recording and settlement charges, grantor's taxes, etc. to be at cost of purchaser. Noteholder reserves the right to bid and trustee reserves right to reject any bids, keep bidding open for any length of time, waive deposit requirements, extend time for settlement, and announce additional terms of sale.

HEILG, MCKENRY, FRAM & LOLLAR, P.C. Substitute Trustee
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Sandra Southern
700 Newtown Road, Suite 15
Norfolk, Virginia 23502
(757) 461-2500

Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
1257 Mozan Drive
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Kevin S. Tyree and Sylvia A. Tyree dated December 10, 1998 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3998, page 1474, securing a loan which was originally \$134,407.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on October 27, 2000 at 8:05 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 1-A, in Block F as shown on that certain plat entitled "Resubdivision of Lots 1 and 2, Block F, Ocean Lakes North Section Five (D.B. 2538, P.1119-1121) and Parcel A and Parcel B, Ocean Lakes East, Section Two (D.B. 2622, P.221-223), Princess Anne Borough, Virginia Beach, Virginia". Tax Map # 24144906630000

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$13,200.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement

and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: FHA
NP007560
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE OF
5802 West Hastings Arch
Virginia Beach, VA 23462

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$60,000.00, with an annual interest rate of 11.0% dated August 29, 1999, recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach, VA in Deed Book 4145 at Page 2154, default having been made in the payment of the debt secured and requested by the Note Holder to do so, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction the property known as 5802 West Hastings Arch and aka Lot 45, Site 3 on that certain plat entitled "Subdivision of Lake Edward West Section 3 Bayside Borough, Virginia Beach, VA and described in the above Deed of Trust. This sale will take place on Monday, Oct. 23, 2000 at 9:00 A.M. at the front entrance of the Virginia Beach Circuit Courthouse, 2305 Judicial Blvd., Building 10, Virginia Beach, VA. A deposit of 10% will be required of any bidder at the time of sale. Closing within 15 days of sale. Additional terms will be announced at sale.

For Information Contact:
Stephen H. Ashley, Substitute Trustee, 6644 Stony Point South, Norfolk, VA 23502, (757) 461-0664.

Public Notice

CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH
At its Formal Session, Tuesday, 24 October 2000, at 6:00 P.M., in the School Board Room, Building 6, Municipal Center, the Virginia Beach City Council will RECONSIDER the application of TOWNE DEVELOPMENT CORP./CARL SCHUBERT (denied 22 August 2000) for a change of Zoning District Classification from AG-2 Agricultural District to R-15 Residential District on the north side of Indian River Road, east of Foreman Trail, containing 26.6 acres; AND a Conditional Use Permit for an open-space promotion option, containing 37 acres (PRINCESS ANNE - DISTRICT 7).

Ruth Hodges Smith, MMC
City Clerk

If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE at 427-4303; Hearing impaired, call TDD only 427-4305 (TDD - Telephonic Device for the Deaf).

Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
3437 Woodburne Drive
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Derrick C. Palmer, Sr. and Marilyn K. Palmer dated July 3, 1996 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3635, page 829, securing a loan which was originally \$60,050.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on October 27, 2000 at 8:07 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 44, in Block 3, on that certain plat entitled "The Lakes, Phase III-C, Part 7, Princess Anne Borough-Virginia Beach, Virginia" Tax Map # 1486740790000

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$5,900.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement

and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: FHA
NP007572
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE OF
925 Enfield Chase
Virginia Beach, VA 23452

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$350,000.00, from Conner Wayne Meeks, Grantor, dated October 6, 1997, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH on October 14, 1997 in Book 3798 at Page 1956, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the main entrance of the Courthouse for the Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach, 2305 Judicial Blvd., Virginia Beach, Virginia on 10/24/2000 at 9:05 A.M., the property with improvements to wit: ALL THAT certain lot, piece or parcel of land, situated, being in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, known, numbered and designated as Lot 30, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Middle Plantation, Phase Six, Part 2, Lynnhaven Borough, Virginia Beach", which plat is duly recorded in the Clerk's Office of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Map Book 180 at page 42. And described in the above Deed of Trust.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price will be required in cash, certified or cashier's check. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustees may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale.
Loan Type: CONV (Trustee # L64294VIR)
Substitute Trustee:
DRAPER & GOLDBERG,
PLLC
751 Miller Drive, Suite C-1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-7101
Email: kellin@dragprod.com
(10/06/00, 10/13/00) (27438)

Public Notice

Virginia:
The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach will be held in the School Board Room, School Administration Building, 2512 George Mason Drive, Building 6, Municipal Center, Princess Anne Station, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on Tuesday, October 24, 2000 at 6:00 p.m., at which time the following applications will be heard:

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:
DISTRICT 6 - BEACH
1. An Ordinance upon Application of Woodfin Heating, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for an automobile service station (fuel sales) on a property located at the northeast corner of Lynnhaven Parkway and Southern Boulevard (GPIN #1497-54-7354; #1497-54-6254). Said parcel contains 41,295 square feet. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE

2. An Ordinance upon Application of More Than Conquerors Church for a Conditional Use Permit for a church on the east side of Hollander Road north of Shipp's Corner Road (GPIN # 1495-17-4332). Said parcel is located at 3208 Hollander Road and contains 5.4788 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

DISTRICT 2 - KEMPVILLE
3. An Ordinance upon Application of Fred Viturcio for a Conditional Use Permit for housing for seniors and disabled persons on the north side of Paca Lane, east of Newtown Road (GPIN# 1468-40-0771). Said parcel is located at 3555 Paca Lane and contains 11,586.96 square feet. DISTRICT 2 - KEMPVILLE.

DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE

4. An Ordinance upon Application of Shore Ventures Associates, L.L.C., for a Conditional Use Permit for a community boat dock at the intersection of Lynnhaven Promenade and Piedmont Circle on Lots 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10, Block 3, Section A, Ocean Park (GPIN # 1489-58-6459; #1489-58-5541; #1489-58-5517). Said parcel con-

tains 24,296 square feet. DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE.

DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL

5. An Ordinance upon Application of Tidewater Motors, Inc., Hall Auto World Body Shop for a Conditional Use Permit for an automobile repair facility on certain property located at the southeast corner of Butternut Lane and improved Second Street (GPIN # 1487-43-7783; #1487-43-7488; #1473-43-8402; #1473-43-9417; #1473-43-4435; #1473-43-5477; #1473-43-4330; #1473-43-5375; #1473-43-5380; #1473-43-5287). DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL.

STREET CLOSURE

6. Application of Kenneth A. Hall & S & S Enterprises, a Virginia general partnership, for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of the following streets:
Second Street: beginning at the western boundary of Butternut Lane and running in an easterly direction to the western boundary of Spruce Street.

Second Street: beginning at the eastern boundary of Spruce Street and running in an easterly direction to the western boundary of Pine Street.

Spurce Street: beginning at a point 400 feet more or less south of Bonney Road and running in a southerly direction to the northern boundary of Interstate #264.

Said parcels contain 1.037 acres.

DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL
All interested parties are invited to attend.

Ruth Hodges Smith, MMC
City Clerk

If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE at 427-4303; Hearing impaired, call TDD only 427-4305 (TDD - Telephonic Device for the Deaf).

Public Notice

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Students see the light

These Windsor Woods Elementary students are examining different meanings of the word "light" in art class this year with teacher Robin Vassie. Joseph Brown, left, has begun an electric squirrel lamp with clay. Michael Baviera is in the process of painting a composition, and LaTae Williams is making a candle holder in clay.

Outstanding volunteers honored

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Locke, 52, began her quest as a frustrated mother who decided to take action when she learned it would take more than two years for her son to get a male mentor through the Big Brother program.

"It was a 2 1/2 year wait for African-American males, though for girls it's not that long," she said. "It took about that long. Brian was finally matched, but at that time I saw there was a need for another program. I tried to start one on my own."

A little more than two years ago Locke founded Touching Young Lives. Through word of mouth, the program reaches out to boys aged 6 to 16, usually from single-parent homes run by mothers, who don't have regular contact with a father figure.

The youths come from Virginia Beach, Portsmouth and Norfolk. At any given time there are about 30 boys in the program, and six men guide them through team mentoring.

The group meets Tuesday evenings at New Hope Baptist Church in Virginia Beach, where Locke's pastor, E. Ray Cox Sr., is one of the mentors.

"We rely on word of mouth, but we are short on mentors," she admitted. "Most men just don't want to take the time to do it — you don't get paid for it, you know."

At the gatherings, the youths and mentors may talk about the importance of education, discuss home- and school-related problems, and share youth issues. "We're Christian-based, so we also talk about spiritual things," she said.

Locke, executive director, is like the mother overseeing her young flock. She organizes trips for the group, often reaching into her own pocket to fund them.

In the past, the group has braved trips to New York City, Washington D.C. and Kings Dominion. Both the boys and mentors, she said, benefit from the relationship.

"We recently did an informal survey, and many of the boys said they haven't met their fathers or haven't seen them since they were babies," said Locke.

Once, she wondered how many knew how to knot a tie. Locke's son was the only one. To address the issue which a father would normally tackle, some ties were brought to a meeting and the boys taught that skill.

Locke, a retired college administrator and former Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer, said, "I love it. This is a full-time job for me now, and I don't get paid for it."

When she learned about the Eckerd 100 honor, Locke was stunned. "I was shocked. The lady who nominated me is one of our parents and the group's treasurer. I didn't expect to hear from Eckerd's at all."

Locke was awarded not just a silver platter and framed certificate, but a \$1,000 grant for Touching Young Lives. They also received a three-day trip to Washington, D.C., for a symposium with the other 99 women honored.

"There were so many positive women there," she said. "The

oldest was 91 and the youngest 18 — all doing great things for their communities. These were very dynamic women. The one thing all of us had in common was lack of funding."

Locke's dilemma now is that she has nine computers given to Touching Young Lives — but no place to set them up for the boys to learn computer skills. They currently sit in a closet while she waits for someone to donate some office space.

"It's such a waste that we have all this and nowhere to use it," she said. "Anywhere we can get space, we'll take it."

Touching Young Lives can be reached at 671-2259.

In the fall of 1998, Great Bridge resident Hildum, 35, read about a program which addressed literacy in homeless and battered women's shelters.

She was intrigued. "Being a teacher, it appealed to me," said Hildum, a Title I instructional specialist with Virginia Beach City Public Schools.

First, she called The Reading Connection program highlighted in the article.

"I wanted to know if I could get it involved here in Hampton Roads. It didn't extend that far, but they encouraged me to call some shelters here in Hampton Roads and see what was available."

Hildum began with the Help and Emergency (HER) Shelter in Portsmouth, which aids battered women and their children.

"They were very interested in a program. The next step was I went to my colleagues to see if there was interest — if I'd have support from volunteers if I were to start a program. There was," she said.

Reading Enriches All Children (REACH) was born.

First, there were drives to collect books and other materials. There are three components to the program:

- Access to reading materials.
- "We go into the shelters and set up shelves and, if there's

room, set up a reading area stocked with gently-used books," Hildum said.

- Ownership. At the first reading session a child attends, he or she is given a tote bag filled with books, notebooks, pens and pencils, crayons and other things to spark literacy. At each reading session children receive a new book.

- Activity sessions and interaction.

"The volunteers read aloud to the children in a group setting and then do a follow-up activity with the book they've read," she said. "This is probably the most important aspect."

Started at the HER Shelter, REACH has extended across Hampton Roads to such shelters as the Dwelling Place and For Kids in Norfolk, Samaritan House in Virginia Beach and the Salvation Army's Hope Center in Chesapeake.

Hildum has inspired more than 100 people to join the mission, each week visiting six shelters. Last year, more than 2,450 gently used books and 7,000 new books were distributed to 600 children.

"We've really grown," said Hildum, who was director of REACH until recently.

She credits husband Scott with helping get the program started and being supportive.

"It was like one day he came home and I said, 'Honey, guess what? I started a non-profit organization today,'" she smiled. "He's been a great help."

Hildum was surprised that REACH took off so quickly and credits the success to the volunteers.

Money is also a challenge with the organization, though it is a United Way write-in designee.

"Our current goal is for REACH to stabilize to handle the growth. We're working diligently to get funds for the program. It's a challenge. You can never breathe that sigh of relief because the need is ongoing."

Hildum was also surprised to be named to the Eckerd 100, and that the \$1,000 prize will help REACH.

Volunteer rescue squad scaring up some fun

Fundraiser will help Chick's Beach

The Chesapeake Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad will hold its fifth annual Haunted House Oct. 28-29 from 6 to 10 p.m.

What started out as a Haunted Ambulance six years ago, the Chesapeake Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad's Haunted House has grown into an anticipated yearly event. Every year rescue members along with their families and students from area high schools get together and work for several days decorating the station. Using hundreds of dollars worth of decorations and lighting, equipment, the volunteers carefully prepare every room in the building for the spectacular two night event.

Each year, hundreds of people from all over the Virginia Beach area come by to take the spooky

tour through the Haunted House. Visitors are greeted at the beginning by a doorman, who entertains them while they are waiting for their turn to enter. They are then sent into the Haunted House in groups of six to eight people at a time.

Once they enter the Haunted House, the visitors are left on their own to explore the creepy, scary rooms within the station. While many visitors brave it through the entire Haunted House, some get a little too scared and opt to leave via the coward's way out — an opening in the middle for those who are just a little too scared to make it to the end.

There is no admission charge to visit the Chesapeake Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad's Haunted House. However, donations are accepted to help cover the cost of the decorations.

For more information and directions call, 460-7509 or 318-6014.

Outta their gourd!

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educator at the historic Francis Land House.

Eliassen, with a little help from some in-house accomplices, came up with the idea for the Go Out of Your Gourd Festival which has enchanted Land House visitors for the past two years.

This year at the second annual event, Land House visitors were afforded the unique opportunity to see, touch, clean, and hear gourds — to experience gourds in all their glory — on Saturday.

Festival-goers were able to create birdhouses, jewelry and musical instruments from gourds. There were contests and games, along with demonstrations and house tours. The Richmond Indigenous Gourd Orchestra, a uniformed group of eclectic musicians, performed original compositions on home-grown gourds.

"My first year here, I had a small workshop — painting and decorating birdhouse gourds," recalled Eliassen. "It's expanded from that to an event that covers the grounds, covers a room in the house here, and includes a world renowned orchestra that plays all their music on gourds."

Her interest in gourds grew from her interest in Native American culture and in providing suitable containers for Native American educational programs.

Eliassen is far too modest to accept all of the credit for the concept of the unique event. "I think it's something that evolved and a lot of people made contributions to," she said.

"We began by looking at what Native Americans and African-Americans did with gourds and we've expanded into — not only that — but the different kinds of gourds you can grow and how they're grown, cleaned and cured," said Eliassen. "And then what creative and fanciful things you can make out of them."

Stone age societies used dried gourds as ladles, scoops, and vessels for transporting liquids. In Africa and America gourds were used to fashion musical instruments. Following the lead of Native Americans, colonial Virginians found gourds equally utilitarian for domestic use. Modern technology and materials have displaced the once indispensable gourd. With the advent of metals and plastics, the gourd has been relegated to ornamental, decorative roles.

Mark Reed, Land House administrator, was pleased with the festival attendance.

"It's through Joy's (Eliassen's) creativity that we have this program today," Reed said. He attributed the considerable turnout to local folk's interests in both art and gardening.

"Gourds, I think, are a little mysterious too. I know it's not a simple thing to grow them. They have an extremely long growing season — over one hundred days," observed Reed. "People are coming out to learn how to grow them, cure them, and clean them."

Festival guests Mike and Martha Weirich seemed to enjoy their visit to the Land House gourd festival.



ORCHESTRA LEADER. Arthur Stephens, right, founder and leader of the unusual Richmond Indigenous Gourd Orchestra, is the "driving force" behind the group.

Although their visit was primarily a fact finding mission, they had their eyes opened and their horizons broadened.

"I think of gourds just as bird feeders — birdhouses. I didn't think they could be a band like this. I think the music is interesting," said Mike Weirich. "I'm impressed with everything here."

Weirich's wife, Martha, also characterized the Richmond Indigenous Gourd Orchestra and their music as "really interesting."

"My father has about a 40-foot gourd vine that he grew in North Carolina, and we're here to get some information on how to dry the gourds," explained Martha Weirich. "We were here to look for birdhouses and ornamental things. We had no idea that there would be a band," she said. "It's quite fascinating. The music is nice."

Jessica Eliassen, Joy's daughter, volunteered her services to demonstrate how gourds are cleaned.

Two years ago, Joy convinced Jessica to accompany her to a Richmond Indigenous Gourd Orchestra concert in Richmond. Jessica agreed to go and was glad she did. "It was really wild. There were all these people there — fans — who were calling themselves Gourd Heads. It was an experience," she said.

According to Jessica, the entire Eliassen family has since become involved in growing gourds.

A large number of festival goers found producing custom-painted



BIRD'S HOME. Elaine Birk's gourd birdhouse was inspired by the morning glories that grow on her back porch.

birdhouses from gourds to be a satisfying creative outlet. Elaine Birk was among the most creative gourd birdhouse artisans. Her inspiration: morning glories.

"I have morning glories growing over my porch. Every morning I see them. That's what inspired me," said Birk.

Land House volunteer Annie Duncan was highly impressed with the gourd orchestra.

"I think they're excellent. They're so talented," said Duncan enthusiastically. "I'd never thought of using gourds for instruments before. It was a really neat thing to hear. I was very impressed with their inventiveness."

Arthur Stephens, the eclectic genius behind the Richmond Indigenous Gourd Orchestra, began growing gourds and researching their use as musical instruments throughout the world. After making the gourd instruments he began inviting other musicians over to figure out how to play them.

Stephens' first creation was a friction drum. It took him about six months to figure out how to play it. Since then, Stephens has recruited other musicians of the same ilk. Orchestra members all laughed and claimed that the high pay, glamour, and band uniforms have been largely responsible for their continued interest in being part of such an unusual organization.

"We create all the music ourselves. It's all original and composed," said John Ramsey, a musician with the orchestra.

"People ask us if it's traditional music — we do use a lot of traditional influences...rhythms that are going on in our heads...that we pick up on...or make up ourselves," he explained.

"It all comes out in something that's uniquely us and that we put our own creativity into."

For the musically-curious and incurable Gourd Heads, Richmond Indigenous Gourd Orchestra's CD "Enchanted Evenings" is available locally at the Heritage Bookstore on Laskin Road.



GOURD CLEANING. Jessica Eliassen demonstrates the art of cleaning gourds for festival guests.

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Dolphin Liberty

Dolphin Liberty of Virginia, a group of Virginia Beach citizens opposed to the proposed dolphin tank at the Virginia Marine Science Museum, will hold an open meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18 at the Virginia Beach Blvd. and Rescue Squad building at 740 Virginia Beach Blvd. The meeting is open to anyone interested in learning more about how dolphins fare in captivity and will conclude with the viewing of "A Fall From Freedom," a film about captive marine mammals. For details, check the D.L.V. website, <http://groups.hamptonroads.com/dolphinliberty>. Email dolphinliberty@hamptonroads.com, or call Susan Wagner, 340-9048.

Timely talk

Deborah Brittain, the first African-American president of the Association of Junior League of Norfolk-Virginia Beach (JLNVB) on Wednesday, she will be meeting with past presidents of the JLNVB in the morning, and in the afternoon will visit the Junior League's signature project, FOR kids, Inc., a five-step program designed to help homeless families gain permanent independence and generational stability. That evening Brittain will speak to the general membership and sustaining members of the JLNVB during their meeting at 7 p.m. at the Virginia Beach Central Library. Barbara Ciara, Emmy-award winning local television newswoman, will be the moderator.

Thanks, Boss

The Virginia Beach Legal Staff Association will hold its annual Bosses' Appreciation Night Banquet Monday, Oct. 16 at 6 p.m. at the Clarion Hotel, 4453 Bonney Rd. The cost for members and their bosses is \$28 and for non-members and their bosses is \$33. If interested in attending mail a check payable to VBLSA to Irene Diehl, c/o Harlan and Flora, P.C., 999 Waterside Drive, Suite 1200, Norfolk, Virginia 23510.

Life safety

The Virginia Beach Fire Department will host a Fire Prevention Week 2000 display at Lynnhaven Mall in front of J.C. Penny's from 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Oct. 13-14. Children and adults can learn about this year's theme, "Fire Drills, The Great Escape" and the importance of home fire escape planning and practice. In addition they can meet Sparky the Fire Dog, practice stop drop and roll and learn other life safety skills. There will also be a special display of the "Monster Fire Truck" on Friday from 3 to 6 p.m.

Free concert

Ensembles from the Continental Army Band will offer a varied program of music for winds and brass at 7:30 p.m., on Friday (today) at Virginia Beach United Methodist Church, 19th Street and Pacific Avenue, Virginia Beach. Free parking is available. A free offering will be received. Call 428-7727 for more details.

Pound poop

Owl Creek Veterinary Hospital and Pet Hotel will host a dog festival to benefit the Virginia Beach SPCA Walk for the Animals on Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. The first 150 people to register will receive a free goodie bag filled with prizes, snacks, samples and valuable coupons. Admission is \$5 per dog. Prizes will be awarded for best costume, best trick, loudest bark, fastest fetch, longest sit, longest down, longest tail wag and petowner look-a-like, as well as first, second and third places and best all-around dog. For more information call Jessie, 425-5349, or Christy, VBSPCA, 427-0070, ext. 14.

Republican rally

A Republican candidate rally will be held Saturday at Princess Anne Park in Virginia Beach. The event will be held from 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Scheduled speakers include former Gov. and Senate candidate George Allen, Lt. Gov. John Hager, State and Congressional candidate Ed Schrock, locally-elected Virginia legislators and 2nd District Chairman David Hummel. There will be free food and soft drinks, sporting events, games and music. Anyone needing more information should call Dr. Jim Polk, 431-1788.

Burn 'em

Burn off those extra calories during this two-hour aerobic Turkey Burn-a-thon at Kempsville Recreation Center on Saturday, Nov. 25 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Participate in hi/low, kickboxing and step aerobics. Sign up for a step by Nov. 24. This event is open to ages 15 and up. The cost is \$4. For additional information call the Kempsville Recreation Center, 474-8492.

'No' vote to oceanfront traffic plan; tram proposal under consideration

Council defeats controversial one-way idea 9-2

By Jason Norman
Correspondent

Hundreds of citizens jammed the Virginia Beach City Council meeting Tuesday to address a controversial pilot program for the Oceanfront Transportation Management Plan.

Before council was whether to create a new one-way traffic pattern for the oceanfront area.

Council defeated the plan 9-2, though the door is still open for trams to traverse the 41 blocks of the newly-widened boardwalk next resort season. Council OK'd Hampton Roads Transit's plan to solicit bids for companies

to build boardwalk-style open-air trams.

Each would carry about 60 passengers. Council will have its final say on the tram issue after more information is available on the vehicles' costs to build and operate.

The oceanfront traffic proposal, however, drew more attention.

Resort Advisory Commission (RAC) representative Tim Barrow spoke in favor of the later-defeated pilot plan adaptation.

"Seven months ago, the City Council asked us to evaluate the oceanfront traffic management plan, to seek ideas and suggestions from taxpayers in the area, to attempt to build a consensus, and to present their findings to the council. We studied, we listened, we modified the plans and proposal, and today, recommend the approval of the pilot plan."

"This plan is not a casual, impromptu recommendation," Barrow continued.

"For years, we have been hearing from the citizens of the community, from the businesses, and from the retail industry about traffic congestion and what it is doing. It is the one problem that we have not been able to successfully deal with in the past 15 years."

If passed, the pilot plan would have made:

■ Atlantic Avenue a one-way north street from 21st Street to 41st Street/Pacific Avenue and a one-way south street from 21st Street to 9th Street;

■ Pacific Avenue a one-way north street from 17th Street to 22nd Street; and,

■ Arctic Avenue a one-way south street from 17th Street to 22nd Street.

Barrow said it would reduce congestion on both Atlantic and Pacific avenues make much easier for hotels

guests and employees to reach their destinations in less time. He also suggested it would make more space available for pedestrians to stroll, shop and enjoy a pleasant experience in the resort area.

Jack Connell, a representative of the Resort Beach Civic League (RBCL), agreed with Barrow.

"We support this plan. This plan will not hurt the neighborhood, and may help us."

The majority of the speakers, however, gave firm and heated opinions against the creation of the pilot plan.

"We believe that this plan is premature for many reasons," said R.J. Nutter, a city attorney speaking on behalf of his clients.

"There are a major number of items that this council will address dealing

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Negotiations under way for Renaissance at Town Center Hotel corporation announces plans

Town Center Associates, L.L.C., and Stormont Trice Development Corporation announced last week that they are in negotiations with Marriott International to bring a first-class hotel to Virginia Beach's new Town Center.

The 209-key "boutique" style Renaissance Hotel would be located next to the first office tower.

While the hotel lobby would be on the ground floor facing Virginia Beach Boulevard, the remainder of the hotel, including guest rooms, eight meeting rooms and a spa/fitness center, would be located on additional floors above the parking garage.

The 130,000-square-foot hotel is being developed in a joint venture with Amada/Hoffler and Stormont Trice Development Corporation of Atlanta.

"It is a distinct pleasure to join the alliance of such companies as Marriott International, Inc., the North America Renaissance group, Amada/Hoffler and Divaris Real Estate in the development of this most unique product," said Richard M. Stormont, chairman and chief executive officer of Stormont Trice Development Corporation.

Construction of one or more hotels originally had been planned to occur in phase two of Town Center. "We now believe that moving the hotel ahead of schedule by three years, from phase two to phase one, is not only feasible, but also probable," said Louis S. Haddad, chief executive officer of Amada/Hoffler.

Accelerating the hotel into phase one would necessitate the addition of spaces in the phase one public parking garage and hotel-related improvements in the quality of the garage. It would be expanded from the originally planned 1,122 spaces to 1,357 spaces and would also be shifted closer to Virginia Beach Boulevard than previously planned.

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OLD-FASHIONED TRADITION. Wrapping the pole was one of the activities featured during Lynnhaven House's 275th anniversary celebration Sunday.

Music, Wit and Wine!

Lynnhaven House celebrates 275th year in grand style

By Bob Rueggsegger
Correspondent

Lynnhaven House guests braved the cool temperatures Sunday to attend festivities commemorating life in colonial Virginia through an affair that combined the celebration of the 275th anniversary of the construction of the Lynnhaven House.

Celebrants were treated to music and humor provided by the Doorway Singers, while costumed docents served them refreshments—food and wine—representative of the Colonial

era in Virginia, during the second annual Taste of Music, Wit and Wine.

Visitors from Virginia's past, portrayed by local re-enactors, were on hand to provide house guests with living history experiences related to the historic home and the 275 years of history that the ancient edifice has gracefully endured.

Built by Francis and Abigail Thelaball in Princess Anne County more than 50 years before the American

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LADY AND GENTLEMAN. Re-enactor Capt. Drummmond Ball engages in conversation with Shirley Bueche, administrator at Lynnhaven House, during the home's 275th anniversary celebration.



New 'York' opens at Atlantic Shores senior complex



GRAND OPENING. Ruth and Alfred Lyman are already two residents of Atlantic Shores and helped celebrate the grand opening of The York at the complex.

By Margaret Windley
Correspondent

To your good aging!

Last week, The York, the newest apartment home option available in the Atlantic Shores retirement community, opened in Virginia Beach.

"Atlantic Shores is a sterling example of what we'll earn, well-invested money could be used for," said Mayor Meyers Oberndorf at ceremonies marking the event. "May you grow from strength to strength."

The addition of The York to the 200-acre community brings to 496 the number of dwelling spaces at the community. It adds 158 apartments to the total of 238 villas and 100 apartments in the James Building.

The York will enable more seniors aged 55 and up to enjoy the array of services, amenities and activities available there and to maintain their independence at the same time. Residents own their own villas or apartment homes and have

on-site skilled nursing care available as needed.

The concept of aging is changing thanks to the amount of attention now spent on health and fitness.

"Seventy-eight is now considered middle aged," Oberndorf joked. "We are going to change the whole definition of growing mature."

She took the opportunity to invite the residents to become involved in the city's volunteer life by reading to the school children, participating in the parks and recreations programs, checking out the libraries, and joining the Mayor's Commission for the Aging.

Del. Terry Suit read a letter from Gov. Jim Gilmore, who could not be present for the occasion.

Two residents, Ruth and Alfred Lyman attended the event held in the community's dining hall.

They live in the James, a four-story

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Commentary

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

War on the homefront

There is no doubt about it. All across America, a silent war is going on in homes, with women bearing most of the marks of the conflict.

■ In 1998, about 1 million violent crimes were committed against persons by their current or former spouses, boyfriends or girlfriends. According to a report by the U.S. Department of Justice, more than 85 percent of these crimes were against women.

■ Less than half of all victims of intimate partner violence between 1993 and 1998 reported the violence to law enforcement authorities.

■ Children bear witness to violence. In those same years, children under the ages of 12 resided in 43 percent of households where domestic violence occurred.

■ Every 15 seconds, a woman is battered in the United States by her husband, boyfriend or live-in partner.

■ There are at least 4 million reported incidents of domestic violence against women each year in the U.S.

■ More than 53 percent of male abusers beat their children.

These statistics, compiled by Virginians Against Domestic Violence and the National Women Abuse Program, aren't pretty, yet neither is the problem underlying them — domestic violence.

Defined as a pattern of physical, verbal, sexual and/or emotional battering of one person by another, it robs the victim of self-esteem and creates a sense of hopelessness. It respects no one — no race, gender or social class.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Across Virginia, organizations are united to bring attention this "dirty little secret" of America's households. But for some, simply understanding why a woman would tolerate repeated abuse is a puzzle.

The reasons women stay are as varied as the women themselves. They may feel the violence is their fault, or they may have no place to go if they leave. Other reasons are just as compelling — they may feel divorce is wrong, that they must stay for the sake of the children, or that if they leave their lives will be in danger. Still others accept levels of violence in their relationship under the mistaken belief that this is just the way of life for them.

But it doesn't have to be this way. Domestic Violence Awareness Month is the perfect time to make the change, or at least dispel myths about this national dilemma. Among the most common:

- Domestic violence is not a big problem.
- Only lower-class men beat their partners.
- If a woman really wants to avoid abuse, she can just leave.
- Drunkenness causes assaults.

The first step to getting out of an abusive home is recognizing that you are an abused partner.

You may be battered if you are frightened of your partner's temper; are often compliant because you are afraid to hurt your partner's feelings or are afraid of your partner's anger; have the urge to "rescue" your partner when your partner is troubled; find yourself apologizing to yourself or others for your partner's behavior; make decisions about your activities and friends according to your partner's wants; drink heavily or use drugs; or have been abused as a child or seen your mother abused.

Once you've recognized any of these symptoms in yourself or someone you care about, the next step is finding a way to stop the cycle.

This may mean leaving your partner, which isn't always easy, or first making a call to one of Hampton Roads' domestic violence hotlines. A caring, confidential listener on the other end of the line will counsel you on your options, or provide you with the listening ear you need: Norfolk, Women in Crisis, 625-5570; Portsmouth and Chesapeake, Help and Emergency Response, 485-3384; Virginia Beach, Samaritan House, 430-2120; or Suffolk, Genevieve Shelter, 1-800-838-8238.

These hotlines also provide shelters to battered woman and children, allowing them to get back on their feet and start anew in a safe, discreet haven.

There are no easy answers, and still more questions, in this war on the homefront. — V.E.H.

Fax us your letter to the editor today, 548-0390.

U.S. Senate is serious business

It is exceedingly unwise to change our U.S. Senator on a whim or without sound reason. Over the years Virginians have shown great wisdom in this regard, firstly by electing senators who are especially capable and honorable men, and then by returning them to office for a job well done.



Perspectives
By Eileen Huey, columnist

In recent years, both of our very popular Senators have faced stiff challenges each election cycle, and that is surely a positive sign for our democratic electoral system. But the onus is on the challenger to demonstrate why we should give up the seniority our state enjoys in this powerful body whose critical role is to carefully weigh our public policies to insure they are both sound and equitable to all our citizens.

With Nov. 7 just around the corner, Virginians are beginning to focus on the very important choice before us in the Robb versus Allen race. All the hubbub, polls and punditry of the past year are now just so much noise. Our Senate seat belongs to the citizens of Virginia, not to any national party, elitist press corps or special interest group whose agenda is self-serving with no concern for our citizenry as a whole.

Each of our individual votes matter most when we cast it for the president of our great nation, since he represents us as a people both at home and abroad. But after that vote, there is no other choice that we make at the polls more critical than the one cast a vote for U.S. senator.

Even the gubernatorial office is not as critical, because if we are true patriots, we are Americans first and Virginians second. Fortunately, most

Virginians are American patriots to their core and regard the selection of their U.S. Senators very seriously. Consequently, those who have served in that office have been men who have exhibited outstanding and wise leadership within our Commonwealth and on behalf of our nation.

War and peace, the nation's economy, Supreme Court justices, infrastructure, environment and the health, education and welfare of our people ought not to be taken lightly.

Other than the president, no office holder has more influence over these areas of grave national concern than our Senators do. Competence, judg-

ment, Robb never wastes the senator's valuable time, neither on the floor nor in committee.

In debate or as an investigator, he is fully informed on what he speaks and always brings to the discussion viable and workable solutions that will effectively address the problem.

For that reason his advice is always carefully heeded on both sides of the aisle.

Add to that he is an expert on national defense and extremely knowledgeable on every major issue of domestic policy, especially education and the budget.

After all, Chuck Robb was the real "Education Governor" for our state — under his administration, Virginia could boast of some of the finest schools in the nation unlike the mediocre public school system we have today.

Sen. Robb's outstanding leadership is a direct result of his superior intellect, sound judgment and unflinching personal integrity. Why should we replace this exceptional leader whose dedicated service has so benefited our commonwealth for a former governor whose record is known for crippling public education, protecting polluters and wasting millions of taxpayer dollars for prisons we don't need?

No public official in the past three decades has better managed Virginia's affairs than Chuck Robb, least of all his current challenger. Even the Allen record in economic growth and crime reduction so often touted as his successes falls far short of the accomplishments made by the former Robb administration in those same areas.

By any measure of these two men, Chuck Robb is infinitely wiser, more centered and a far more effective and principled leader than his opponent.

So if Virginia holds true to its tradition of taking its senatorial representation on Capitol Hill seriously, it will reject the preposterous notion of replacing its finest leader with a man whose record in office and extremist ideology is totally out-of-step with the will of its electorate.

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ment and, most of all, personal integrity are everything when it comes to the effectiveness of those who serve in that office.

You can count on the fact that most states take the choice of their Senators as seriously as Virginians do. So if we ever decide to base our choice on anything less than quality of leadership, personal competence and sound judgment, you can bet our state will suffer at the hands of other far more capable representatives of the 49 other states in our republic.

So let's get real here! Why on earth would we want to replace Sen. Chuck Robb, who is one of the most capable and respected members of the U.S. Senate? And that respect is well de-

Home repair nightmare near end

There are plenty of reasons to smile in the Hecht household these days, a new baby coming soon being the chief one. But we are finally starting to see the end of the renovation revolution.

About six weeks ago I lamented the state of disarray at our new nest, which is blessedly twice as large as our former home. A good, sturdy house, it was constructed in the '50s and needed a few "touches" to make it just right.

Last weekend, Evan put the finishing touches on our completely renovated bathrooms. This is a thank you for enduring my nagging to get the job done.

He did it — quite superbly, I might add.

When we bought the house, we knew two things: the master bath was hideous, and the other full bath was beyond hideous. A previous owner had painted the room top to bottom, from the floor to tile walls to ceiling, in a white glaze. And it was chipper. Badly. To cover it, the owner tried putting electric blue carpet over the floor.

For about five weeks the door to that room was shut, too painful for us to look at. We also knew it would take a pretty penny to completely remodel it (he estimate came in around \$4,000).

We decided to undertake the challenge ourselves. Rather, Evan did — being pregnant, I can't breathe in too many fumes right now or do heavy labor. I was hesitant at first at my husband's abilities, but I doubt him no longer.

First, however, he decided to tackle our master bath, a daunting enough job.

It is tannish brown tile and had ugly wallpaper, a basic sink, shower stall, commode and window that stuck.

"How do you want the room to look?" Evan inquired before he began renovations.

"Just do whatever you can to make it look decent. With that brownish tile, I doubt anything will help," I said, envisioning us ripping out the tile and starting over (no way was that happening).

Evan picked a new vanity, sink, medicine cabinet, light fixtures, paint, decorations — you name it. I chose the curtains and wall border.

He ripped the old fixtures out, plumbed, got down and dirtied. Then halfway through the job, he stopped and began on the other bathroom.

Needless to say, I wasn't a happy camper with no sink (except for the kitchen), no mirror, just a toilet and shower stall.

"This is crazy," I said after brushing my teeth in the shower. "Why start one before getting the other done?"

I admit I nagged quite a bit. OK, make it a lot.

Evan's evening became consumed with finishing the bathrooms. He was constantly dirty and paint-covered,

and Mitchell and I had to evacuate the house one weekend while all the white glaze was stripped from the big bathroom. The fumes were overwhelming.

Then it all began to come together. Our master bathroom was done, and I was proud. Evan beamed. He'd done a great job.

"Now we just have to finish the other," I said.

"You're nagging," Evan warned.

"I know," I answered. (After being married six years, you come to an understanding — and conversations are short and concise.)

"I just want it done soon," I reported.

On a Friday night, with weekend guests due to arrive any minute, we put the finishing touches on the room. Border, wall art, light fixtures, every little touch imaginable was done.

My husband was sweaty and stinky, and I loved him for it. My handyman! (Never say I haven't complimented you, darling.)

Evan smiled mischievously.

"Just one problem — one little problem," he said.

The room looked perfect. I couldn't imagine a problem.

"Look at the border," he said.

I did and saw nothing wrong.

He guided me to the tub, and told me to look up. He had run out of the special mail-order border with just three inches to go. I would have to order a whole new roll of three inches!

"That's OK, sweetie," I said. "We'll fix it."

Now I can't wait to show off our new abode. Only the kitchen remodel and porch left to go!

Evan, get those tools ready.

Off The Cuff

By Victoria Hecht, editor

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Pathological liar could claim the presidency

Since the night of the presidential debates, when Al Gore told several lies right there on television, I had planned to look up the word "pathological" in the dictionary as it pertains to Gore.

Fortunately, I have "The Synonym Finder" by J.I. Ronda which, in my opinion, gives a better definition of some words than the American Heritage Dictionary. One definition of

pathological in the dictionary is "disordered in behavior," which certainly would apply to Gore.

But Ronda goes a bit further. Its definition is "morbid, ill, sick, ailing, unwell, unbalanced, affected, tainted, disordered, abnormal." Take your pick.

This man just can't tell the truth. During the debate, Gore Bush thanked FEMA for its help during some fires in Texas. Gore immediately agreed with George W. Bush and said that he went to Texas with the head of FEMA to observe the situation.

The truth of the matter is that Gore did go to Texas, but not with the head of FEMA. He went to Houston to raise funds for the Democratic Party, which had nothing to do with the fires in Texas. He was not forced to tell that lie — he just can't help it.

During the debates, when Gov. Bush was talking, Gore would roll his eyes, sigh and breathe heavy into the microphone. The look on his face reminded me of Hedy Lamarr, the puppet who was on television many years ago.

As for the heavy breathing, that might be one of Gore's fetishes. We do know that he wanted to dress in drag for one of his Halloween parties. Gore says that he is not going to become involved in "personal attacks."

I don't blame him. He can't afford to engage in personal attacks because he would lose.

I don't understand why the Republicans are letting him off. If they don't start using what they have against Gore instead of playing party cake with him, they are going to lose the election.

Gore is even more liberal than Bill Clinton, so there you have it folks.

It is difficult to believe that the voters would replace a sexual deviate with a pathological liar. I hope not, but Bill Clinton was elected twice. Pathological lying must be contagious. I'm afraid Sen. Joseph Lieberman may have caught it.

The first three letters in his name are "Lie."

Welcome to the real world.

You read it here!

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Beach struggles to fund educational Standards of Quality

During my tenure as mayor of the largest municipality in Virginia, I have participated in the annual struggle to fund the educational needs of more than 77,500 young people in our community and to meet the standards set by the state.



The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyera Oberdorf

students from home to school and back; and

■ Ensuring that buildings are properly maintained.

All of this costs \$606.7 million annually in our combined operating and capital budgets. And less is felt that we do not put sufficient effort into educational funding, 48.1 percent of that figure is local dollars. The state's contribution is \$218.8 million — or 36.6 percent of the total, with the remaining 15.3 percent provided by the federal government and through dedicated sales taxes. Included in the local annual allocation is:

■ \$19.6 million in charter bonds; ■ \$7.5 million in pay-as-you-go capital construction;

■ \$36.3 million in debt service for previously issued debt; and ■ \$228.1 million in operating expenses.

Each year we dedicated approximately 60 percent of our charter bond capacity to meet school construction needs. Based upon the current Standards of Quality used by the state, the taxpayers of Virginia Beach are only required to provide approximately \$418 million annually towards education.

The reality is that the residents of Virginia Beach provided nearly \$90 million beyond that level just for the daily operation of the school system. This does not include construction costs and infrastructure maintenance issues. A large portion of this additional operating costs is due to the need for 768 teaching positions beyond the 4,776 recognized within the Standards of Quality in order to provide true quality education.

In addition, until recently, the state did not contribute to school construction at all — forcing the locality to

pay 100 percent of the costs. Our annual commitment to construction, infrastructure maintenance and modernization is \$36.6 million dollars more. This situation is not unique to Virginia Beach.

We all recognize that a quality education system contributes to a community's economic vitality and ultimately to its future. There are two realities we are facing in Virginia Beach, which both highlight our need for a quality education system and provide real limitations on our ability to — without assistance — deliver on that need.

First is the steady decline over the last 10 years in the per capita income of our citizens, as compared to that of the nation, state and region. The second concern is that for the sixth straight year, families moving out of Virginia Beach have had higher incomes than those moving into the city.

These two realities make it difficult to increase taxes which support education. It is interesting to note, that over the same period, the State

We all recognize that a quality education system contributes to a community's economic vitality and ultimately to its future.

Composite Index for Virginia Beach was increased, thereby shifting more costs on to the city. Having just completed my 10th election, it was clear that the taxpayers of the city are concerned for quality education and adamant in the need to mitigate new taxes.

The Virginia Beach City Council and School Board have worked together to identify priorities and to leverage scarce resources. We are fortunate — or not, depending upon your point of view, that student enrollment is projected to stay around 77,500 students.

This is allowing us to focus not on growth, but on maintenance of the system. Towards that end, the City Council sees three major priorities for funding over the next six to 10 years:

■ Technology; ■ Modernization and maintenance of schools; and ■ Keeping and retaining qualified teaching and other staff.

Lisa Chandler White, media and communications coordinator for the Mayor's Office, contributed to this column.

Beach hosts Special Olympics fall games

More than 600 Special Olympic athletes from around Virginia will compete in roller skating, soccer, unified bowling and volleyball when the city of Virginia Beach hosts the 14th annual Fall Championships on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 4-5, at various locations throughout the city.

The Fall Championships are one of five state-level competitions that Special Olympics Virginia holds each year for Virginia's athletes with mental disabilities. Presented by the Virginia Knights of Columbus and Cox Communications. Additional support is provided by GEICO Direct, Net2000 Communications and ACS Systems and Engineering.

The excitement begins with an opening ceremony at Ocean Lakes High School on Saturday at 8 p.m., featuring the traditional lighting of the Olympic cauldron, musical entertainment and athlete speakers. A dance for athletes and

volunteers will follow.

Sports competition will begin early on Sunday morning, with roller skating at Kempsville Family Skating Center, soccer at the Hampton Roads Soccer Complex, volleyball at Bayside and Great Neck Recreation Centers and unified bowling taking place at AMF Indian River Lanes. Unified bowling is an inclusive program that combines partners with and without disabilities on the same team for training and competition.

Special Olympics Virginia provides year-round sports training and athletic competition to more than 13,000 children and adult athletes with mental disabilities. The organization relies on private and corporate support as well as the efforts of nearly 20,000 volunteers to provide these services at no cost to the athletes or their families. For more information call 1-800-932-4653.

Car wash to benefit Children's Hospital set

Buggy Bath Car Wash is hosting a "Haunted Car Wash" Oct. 28-31 to benefit Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters. Customers can have the exterior of their car washed for \$5.95 from 6 to 9 p.m. at three locations: 2217 Richmond Rd. in Williamsburg; 4012 Portsmouth Boulevard in Chesapeake and 3709 Tiffany Lane in Virginia Beach. Employees will dress in costume and hand out

candy to children. All proceeds from the event benefit CHKD.

Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters is the region's only pediatric referral center, serving southeastern Virginia, the Eastern Shore and northeastern North Carolina.

For more information call 220-9315, the Chesapeake location, 465-1251, or Virginia Beach, 471-8955.

Up close and personal

Al Abiouness: A heart for good cause

By Victoria Hecht

Editor

Al Abiouness was lucky. This year's American Heart Walk chairman was fortunate enough to have a revealing stress test before a heart attack landed him in the hospital — or worse.

Instead, Abiouness had life-saving triple bypass surgery and today is an advocate for the heart-healthy lifestyle.

One of the best testimonials he can think of is leading Sunday's walk at the Virginia Beach campus of Tidewater Community College (TCC). A regional event, teams from all over Hampton Roads will lace up their sneakers to pound the pavement to fund research, public and professional education, and community programs. The event benefits the American Heart Association.

"A couple of friends of mine called and invited me out to breakfast and said, 'Don't bring your wallet. We're treating you.' I knew there was more to it than a free breakfast," remembered Abiouness, president of the consulting structural engineering firm Abiouness, Cross and Bradshaw.

Something was up. Knowing Abiouness' story, organizers of the annual heart walk were looking for a chairman who could relate to the cause. At first Abiouness declined.

"I was serious. I didn't think I would have the time to devote to it," he admitted.

But the more he thought about it — and thanks to the persuasive powers of area director Susan Petrehn — Abiouness agreed. He made a deal with her: if she joined the Norfolk Sports Club, of which he is an avid supporter, Abiouness would chair the walk.

"Susan is a good worker and motivator," he said.

Organizers have been meeting since April and have set an ambitious goal — \$220,000. It's double the amount raised last year.

Abiouness is confident the walkers will raise it. So far, 290 teams have registered.

"Right now we're on target to reach that, plus the money stays local," Abiouness said.

Sunday's event, with registration starting at noon and the walk at 1 p.m., will offer far more than pounding the pavement. The Norfolk State University marching band will perform, and 50 instructors will teach cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training classes. The free classes will be offered in three rotating sessions of 90 minutes each, with registration beginning at 12:30 p.m. and the first class at 1:30 p.m.

According to a recent estimate by the American Heart Association, 80 percent of all cardiac emergencies happen at home, which means that most people who perform CPR do it on a loved one.

The class will offer a unique opportunity to people interested in learning the basics of CPR in hopes they will be encouraged to take the full three-hour course and become certified.

In addition to the three-mile walk and free CPR training, the afternoon will include heart-healthy activities for the whole family. There will be free blood pressure and cholesterol screenings, body fat composition, fitness testing, lung capacity testing and more. There will be a carnival for children, and youngsters are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes. Prizes will be awarded. There will also be clowns and a moonwalk to keep the little ones entertained.

An estimated 2,000 people are expected to walk for the cause. As chairman, Abiouness will be leading the way. Since 1995, when he learned the results of his stress test, he has strived to lead a heart-healthy lifestyle and works to inspire others to do the same.

He admits that as someone who finds it difficult to get away from the office, that's not always easy.

"I was fortunate," he said. "The motor wasn't damaged, but the plumbing was blocked up. It motivated me to start exercising three times a week and eat healthy."

Subsequently, several of Abiouness' friends also had their tickers checked — and two had life-saving surgery.

He hopes that more people, like his friends, will take interest in their own cardiac health because of the walk.

"Now we just have to pray for good weather Sunday," he said.

To register for the American Heart Walk or a free CPR training class call, 671-8636.

Name: Al Abiouness.



What brought you to this area: Born in Norfolk.

Hometown: Norfolk.

Age: 68.

Nickname: Abbey. Friends and people couldn't pronounce my name.

Occupation: Consulting structural engineer.

Marital Status: Married to Kay.

Children: Daughter Nicole, 28, a winemaker in Napa Valley, Calif. and son Alfred Jr., a structural engineer at ACB Inc.

Favorite movies: Action and mystery.

Favorite magazines: *Business Week*, *Times*, *Newsweek*, *Sports Illustrated*.

Favorite authors: Clive Cussler and John Grisham.

Favorite night out on the town: Dinner with friends before or after the theater or a play.

Favorite restaurants: Todd Juch's Bistro and Bobbywood.

Favorite meal and beverage: Martini before a rack of lamb with mushrooms and a good Bordeaux with dinner.

Best thing about myself: Is that I married my wife, Kay.

Worst habit: Quote from my wife and kids, "Too much time at the office."

Pets: None.

Hobbies: Golf, fishing and cooking dinner with my wife.

Ideal vacation: Golfing or any vacation that includes my family.

Pet peeves: Impatient drivers and being behind slow beginner women golfers who don't understand golf etiquette.

First job: Paperboy in Riverview. At same time, selling crabs to neighbors at 50 cents a bushel.

Least liked job: Owner/operator of a restaurant/bar/night club while an officer in the Navy.

Favorite sports team: University of Notre Dame football and Washington Redskins.

Favorite musicians: Jazz, including tenor sax mainly. Also, Charlie Byrd guitar.

How I would like to be remembered: For my contribution of time and energy to the city of Norfolk.

If I received \$1 million: I would donate to my church, charitable organizations and take the family on a trip around the world.

If I had 10 minutes on national television: I'm not sure what I'd do.

Green Sea Fest to highlight watershed

The fourth annual Green Sea Festival will take place on Saturday at the scenic 100-acre Munden Point Park in Virginia Beach.

Since 1996, the festival has been produced through a grant from the Department of Environmental Quality's Virginia Coastal Program and was expanded through the support of community businesses, such as Farm Fresh, Volvo Pentas, Stihl and Dominion-Virginia Power. The event is hosted on a rotating basis by the cities of Chesapeake and Virginia Beach.

The event has grown each year, rotating between Northwest River Park in Chesapeake and Munden Point Park in Virginia Beach. From approximately 500 in its first year, the event has risen to

2,500 people in attendance to celebrate the importance of preserving and conserving this unique area.

For the Green Sea Festival to continue, other funding sources within the community must be found.

"We hope to be able to continue this unique festival in the years to come," says festival coordinator Cindy Butler Focke.

"Many folks in our community have never been to Munden Point Park or Northwest River Park in the Southern Watershed Area. We encourage them to visit during the festival and at other times to experience the serenity and beauty of these two unique, unknown treasures."

This year's festival will be held

from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will feature folk music, clogging and a special performance by Bob Zenz and students from Windsor Oaks Elementary School.

They will be playing instruments constructed from household recyclable items. More than 25 exhibitors, such as wildlife refuges, nature organizations and others will be on hand for the celebration. The Virginia Marine Science Museum's touch tanks will be there, also.

"The Wonderful Wetland Review" puppet show will be presented twice and children can enjoy seashore storylines and crafts with Barnes and Noble. Mule wagon rides will be available for a small fee. Picnics are welcome and food and beverages will be available for sale. The event is free.

For more information call, 496-9377, or go online to www.HRPDC.org.

Tell a friend you read about it in
The Virginia Beach Sun.



MUSICAL MEMORIES. Old-time music added a festive air to the celebration.

Photo by Bob Rueggner

Lynnhaven House celebrates 275 years

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Revolution, this stalwart brick structure has survived centuries of exposure to human and natural abuse.

Miraculously, most of the structure has survived almost unscathed. Locally, few houses from the same era have survived, and the Lynnhaven House has survived almost intact.

It has been estimated that 85 percent of the existing structure is original.

From the 14-inch thick walls to the massive gable-end chimneys, this "little jewel of a house" is a

"This house is such a jewel. The brickwork is absolutely gorgeous."

David Sparks

marvelous example of Tidewater Virginia vernacular architecture. Even the ceiling joists, floorboards, and staircase of this venerable old home are believed to be original.

Shirley Bueche, administrator for the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities (APVA) which owns and operates the historic house, was able to put the advanced age of the Lynnhaven House into perspective.

"Two-hundred-seventy-five years is a long time. There was nothing here when the Thelaball's came —

as far as their kind of civilization," observed Bueche.

"This house was built only 118 years after the first English settlement at Jamestown was established.

"When George Washington was born in 1732, this house was already 7 years old," said Bueche. "Thomas Jefferson was not born until 1743, so that gives you some kind of perspective of how old this house is."

David Sparks, the director for the Southeastern board of the APVA, joined Shirley Bueche, her staff, and community guests in celebrating the 275th anniversary of the historic house.

"This house is such a jewel," said Sparks. "The brickwork is absolutely gorgeous. If you look at the mortar real close, you'll see seashells in it."

Since there was no lime in the area, the masons who built the house crushed seashells and added the ground-up particles to the mortar. Although some of the brickwork has recently been repointed, the mortar and brick are basically original.

"This house is about 85 to 90 percent in its original condition," Sparks noted. "I would say that it is one of the most exceptional houses in the United States, and at all costs it should be preserved for antiquity."

Francis and Abigail Thelaball would have been pleased to learn that their Princess Anne County home has survived the centuries as their legacy to the citizens of Virginia Beach.



APPALACHIAN DULCIMER. Musician Dave McNew favored 275th anniversary celebrations with an assortment of mountain dulcimer tunes at Lynnhaven House.

Council votes 9-2 against traffic plan

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with major business matters. We must deal with the matters of the Virginia Beach Convention Center and RudecInlet. It is our position that these programs should be addressed first before dealing with this traffic pattern."

"After dealing with the oceanfront for 16 years, and understanding how the beach and traffic work and don't work, this one-way plan is a suicide mission."

said Rick Kowalewicz, owner of an oceanfront surf shop."

He continued, "In my opinion, if the city turns Atlantic Avenue into a one-way street, it will dump all of the main traffic onto Pacific Avenue. If you clog up Pacific Avenue, you clog up the beach. The city should get rid of the trolley lanes and allow traffic to move like it wants to move, and the beach will be fine, like it used to be. This plan will simply not work."

"I would like to advise that the

Virginia Beach City Council seek the expert advice of a cardiologist for two reasons," said Beach resident Barbara Messner, also opposed to the plan.

"First of all, City Council members need a heart transplant. Second, the traffic patterns, should they pass, are blocking the city's major arteries.

"The citizens of Virginia Beach do not want your master plan to restrict traffic on the oceanfront. Invest in our families and a clean, safe beach. No one needs or deserves to be a victim of a jet-ski accident, monster truck show accident, or parking garage

accident. Spend our money on public safety, and upgrade what we have. When will we be welcome on our own beach? Your priorities are upside down."

Council listened to the naysayers, rejecting the oceanfront traffic plan. Implementing the plan would have cost about \$670,000.

"I feel wonderful," Messner said after the vote. "I tried to keep the facts out there and keep the City Council honest."

Editor's note: City Council Reporter Lee Cahill is on leave. Correspondent Jason Norman is filling in on her behalf.

Be a good neighbor; attend this institute

Five-week course kicks off Nov. 7; classes held on Tuesday evenings

The Neighborhood Institute, a community-building project that is the brainchild of the Virginia Beach Department of Housing and Neighborhood Preservation, is conducting a five-week course commencing Nov. 7 focusing on increasing the number of well-managed rental properties throughout the city.

Good Landlord, Good Neighbor, Good Neighborhood will provide landlords with the education and re-

sources that will enhance their tenant selection process and property maintenance standards, which are essential to sustaining positive conditions in city neighborhoods.

Course content includes: Code Enforcement and Zoning Information, Virginia/Landlord/Tenant Act, Developing a Good Lease, The Eviction Process and Tenant/Landlord Relationships, among others.

The five-week course will begin Nov. 7 and conclude Dec. 12. Classes are held on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Virginia Beach Higher Education Center on Concert Drive just off Princess Anne Road.

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apartment building at the retirement community.

"We have been here about a year since the end of last October," said Ruth Lyman. "I love it. It's beautiful and friendly and warm. We're delighted. We don't want to move. They do lovely things for people who live here."

She and her husband, who come to Virginia via Alabama, Massachusetts and New York, are enjoying their experience at Atlantic Shores. They have started with the walking program and have noted the pool with swimming lessons as well as the full panoply of trips with transportation via a van and a

bus.

"They do excellent work," Ruth Lyman added. "It's far better than you expect. By the second day you are here, everybody knows your name."

She has done volunteer work at Seaside, the on-site health center. The facility offers formal and private dining rooms, an arts and crafts studio, card and club rooms, a billiards room, a fitness center, an indoor swimming pool and whirlpool, a convenience store, a woodworking shop, a beauty/barber shop, a library, tennis courts, guest accommodations, banking services, outdoor barbecue and picnic areas, walking paths, and resident gardens.

Hotel announcement

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To reflect the quality of the Renaissance Hotel built atop it and because of the increased visibility from Virginia Beach Boulevard, the garage would be enhanced to include additional elevators, security cameras and a higher-quality facade to complement the design of the hotel. This new facade would enclose what originally had been planned as an open-air parking garage. As an enclosed garage, the building would then also include a powered ventilation system and fire-protection sprinklers.

The cost of the public parking garage, which will be owned by the city once phase one is completed, would increase from approximately \$15 million to approximately \$22 million. This would still be paid out of the future increase in the tax receipts from the increased real es-

tate value of the larger project, not from the city's General Fund.

If plans proceed to add the hotel to phase one, space in this phase (exclusive of parking) would increase from the 318,000-square-foot originally announced to 487,500-square-foot, due primarily to the addition of the 130,000-square-foot hotel.

Private sector investment in phase one of Town Center would increase from about \$40 million to about \$65 million.

Town Center is being built in the Pembroke area of the city — the heart of Virginia Beach. It is planned to include two class-A high-rise office towers with storefronts and restaurants on the ground level, department stores, hotels, an upscale residential area, a multi-screen cinema complex and public spaces, all nestled in a "village green" park setting.

'Men of Tomorrow' sought

The Beta Theta Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority is accepting nominations for the 24th annual Men of Tomorrow presentation.

The Men of Tomorrow program highlights young men in the community who exhibit the highest ideals of citizenship, leadership and scholarship. For more than 20 years, the program has provided scholarships to nearly 300 young men in Hampton Roads and the surrounding communities.

All candidates must be graduating seniors in high school, possess a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA, present a positive image and be good citizens.

The deadline to submit nominations for the Men of Tomorrow presentation is Wednesday, Oct. 25. For more information or to nominate Men of Tomorrow candidates call Michelle Ellis Young, 460-1856, or e-mail mot_zphib@yahoo.com.

Wheelchair Olympics put skills to test

By Jason Norman

Correspondent

In 1992, Virginia Beach construction worker Bob Barnaby was climbing a ladder.

"I used to work about 60 hours a week in roofing," he remembers. "It was all I ever did."

Then something tragic occurred.

"I'm not really sure what happened," Barnaby admits. "I just fell off."

The fall left Barnaby a paraplegic, confined to a wheelchair.

"I'm not depressed about it," he asserts. "Accidents happen. My health is good now."

Barnaby participated in the Virginia Beach Wheelchair Olympics Saturday at Larkspur Middle School. Sponsored by the Sun Wheelers, a non-profit wheelchair sports awareness program, the event allowed physically disabled athletes from across Hampton Roads to try all new kinds of physical activity.

Barnaby explained his reasons for participating in the event.

"The more exercise you have, the easier it is to get around every day," he said. "Before I got hurt, though, I basically worked all day, and I was never really athletic. But participating in this type of program, getting involved with wheelchair sports, helps you to learn other aspects, everything from the design of the chairs, medical problems that others have solved."

"Sun Wheelers is here to promote wheelchair sports in the Hampton Roads area, and to increase wheelchair sports awareness in the community," said Mark Harney, the program's president.

"We try to do events like this to get people involved in sports. We want wheelchair athletes who want to exercise, stay in shape, get involved in athletics."

"This is a very good program. It offers a lot of disabled individuals the chance to participate in recreational sports and activities," said Martha Davenport, supervisor of the Virginia Beach Community Recreation Services Unit.

"The Sun Wheelers organization was born after Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation were the first city Parks and Recreation department to sponsor a wheelchair basketball team," said Davenport.

"Since then, the Sun Wheelers have become their own organization, with individuals that have come together to promote wheelchair sports. The city of Virginia still sponsors the Sun Wheelers basketball team."

"We have athletes from all over Hampton Roads, like Chesapeake, Yorktown, Williamsburg, everywhere," said Joy Shiflett, former president of Sun Wheelers. "Disabled athletes are few and far between. Many disabled people don't take part in events like this. But for other events we sponsor, like tennis tournaments, we'll have people coming from Montreal, Florida or Ohio. Our organization has about 35 or 40 active athletes."

Across the middle school gym, participants played basketball, tennis, volleyball and ping pong.

"A couple of friends got me involved with this and I decided that this was what I wanted to do," said Matthew Barber of Virginia Beach, shooting baskets with his friend Colin Fry. "It's really exciting and fun to be around fellow athletes, teammates, people around you with the same disability." Barber, 18, is a double-amputee.

"I was born with spinal bifida," explained Fry, 14, of Newport News. "But I've been involved with wheelchair sports for five years. I play basketball, and I'm going to try to get involved with track and field or tennis. I can do basically everything."

Nearby, Portsmouth resident Dave Parker practiced his forehead serve with a volunteer.

"My wife told me about the Sun Wheelers, and I decided to get involved," Parker explained. "I like all sports, like basketball, tennis and volleyball. This program helps bring back memories of when I used to play before I got multiple sclerosis."

"I've been involved with the Sun Wheelers for about five years," said Joe Wheeler of Virginia Beach. "I enjoy playing basketball — it's great exercise. This program really helps you get out and enjoy yourself."

Virginia Beach resident Ron Acosta helped participants set up the ping pong table. "These people are an inspiration," said Acosta, who also works for Virginia Beach parks. "This is a group of people that have to endure more than we have to endure in everyday life, and they're doing it, and doing it well. It's an inspiration for our community."

On Oct. 21, the city of Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor the annual Virginia Beach Mayor's Invitational Wheelchair Tournament at the Princess Anne Recreation Center.

For more information call Sun Wheelers Sports, 872-8870.



HIT IT. Residents from all over Hampton Roads took part in the Wheelchair Olympics last weekend in Virginia Beach. Participants challenged each other in everything from ping pong to basketball.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

■ **Creds Elementary School** will hold its annual Fall Festival on Oct. 28 between the hours of 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be food, drinks, games, costume parade, door prizes, face painting, a clown and much more. Come on out and join in the fun.

■ **Creds Elementary School** sponsors a pre-school pow wow. The first meeting this year will be on Oct. 23 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The theme of this meeting is fall. All children between the ages of 2 to 5 who are not in school are welcome. The goal of pow wow is to prepare children for school so they come ready to learn and to provide parents with strategies for helping their children prepare for the future.

■ **Creds Elementary School's** PTA will hold a family pizza night Oct. 16 between the hours of 5:30 to 8 p.m. at Pungo Pizza on Princess Anne Road. Support the PTA and enjoy some pizza.

■ **Kemps Landing Magnet School** is sponsoring its first Career Day Friday, Oct. 20 from 8:10 to 3:13 p.m. The community will be involved in the educational process. Parents and professionals from Hampton Roads will participate in fields such as engineers, school boards members, doctors, lawyers, teachers, authors, news reporters, weather reporters, etc. have donated their time to this event.

The students will be able to choose from more than 70 different career opportunities to attend seven different 50-minute interactive presentations.

ARE CALENDAR

The Association for Research and Enlightenment announces its schedule of free lectures for the week of Oct. 15-21:

■ Sunday, Oct. 15 - "Mind Is the Builder" by Doug Hough.

■ Monday, Oct. 16 - "Health, Healing and Diet" by Francine Barbet.

■ Tuesday, Oct. 17 - "Dreams and Dreaming" by Sherry Kulakowski.

■ Wednesday, Oct. 18 - "Meditation and Kundalini" by Grace Yuksek.

■ Thursday, Oct. 19 - "Ancient Civilizations: Atlantis" by Jim Dixon.

■ Friday, Oct. 20 - "Learning Your Soul's Purpose" by Nancy Eubel.

■ Saturday, Oct. 21 - "Depression" by Fred Metzger.

All lectures are held at 3:30 p.m. at the ARE Visitor Center, 6700 Atlantic Avenue. Call 428-3588, ext. 7265 for more information.

VSC auditions set for Oct. 23

Virginia Stage Company, South-eastern Virginia's premier professional, not-for-profit theatre, will hold open auditions for the role of Tiny Tim in its annual production of "A Christmas Carol" on Monday, Oct. 23 at the Wells Theatre in downtown Norfolk from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Auditions will be conducted by appointment only. Appointments may be secured by calling Patty Darden, 627-6988, ext. 309. Business hours at VSC are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For the role of Tiny Tim, Virginia Stage Company seeks a boy between the ages of 6 and 10. Boys should be prepared to recite the line, "God bless us, everyone," with a British accent. All auditionees at VSC are open to actors of all races and cultures.

Calling all bargain hunters!

One man's junk is another man's treasure! Enjoy a crisp October afternoon while browsing and trading at an old-fashioned community yard sale where endless treasures abound. Free and open to the public, Treasures at Trashmore will take place on Saturday, Oct. 14 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Mt. Trashmore Park in Virginia Beach. Do you have things to sell? Individuals wishing to participate in Treasures at Trashmore can reserve a 15' x 15' space for \$15. Pre-registration is encouraged as space is limited. Day-of-registration is also available. Set-up begins at 7 a.m. Spaces are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Food items are not permitted to be sold.

The deadline for all legal advertising is 4 p.m. Tuesday before each Friday's edition. For more information call Gerri, 547-4571.

LEGAL NOTICES

Virginia:

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach will be held in the School Board Room, School Administration Building, 2512 George Mason Drive, Building 6, Municipal Center, Princess Anne Station, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on Tuesday, October 24, 2000 at 6:00 p.m., at which time the following applications will be heard:

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT: DISTRICT 6 - BEACH

1. An Ordinance upon Application of Woodfin Heating, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for an automobile service station (fuel sales) on certain property located at the northeast corner of Lynnhaven Parkway and Southern Boulevard (GPIN # 1497-54-7354; #1497-54-6254). Said parcel contains 41,295 square feet. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE

2. An Ordinance upon Application of More Than Conquerors Church, for a Conditional Use Permit for a church on the east side of Holland Road, north of Shipp's Corner Road (GPIN # 1495-17-4332). Said parcel is located at 3208 Holland Road and contains 5,478 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

DISTRICT 2 - KEMPVILLE

3. An Ordinance Upon Application of Fred Viturcio for a Conditional Use Permit for housing for seniors and disabled persons on the north side of Papa Lane, east of Newland Road (GPIN # 1468-0-0771). Said parcel is located at 5556 Papa Lane and contains 11,586.96 square feet. DISTRICT 2 - KEMPVILLE.

DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE

4. An Ordinance upon Application of Shore Ventures Associates, L.L.C., for a Conditional Use Permit for a community boat dock at the intersection of Lynnhaven Promenade and Piedmont Circle on Lots 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10, Block 3, Section A, Ocean Park (GPIN # 1489-58-6459; #1489-58-5517). Said parcel contains 24,296 square feet. DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE.

DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL

5. An Ordinance upon Application of Tidewater Imports, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for an automobile repair facility on certain property located at the southeast corner of Butternut Lane and unnamed Street (GPIN # 1487-43-7893; #1487-43-3488; #1473-43-8402; #1473-43-2417; #1473-43-4435; #1473-43-5477; #1473-43-4330; #1473-43-5375; #1473-43-5380; #1473-43-5287). DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL.

DISTRICT 6 & S ENTERPRISES, A VIRGINIA GENERAL PARTNERSHIP, FOR THE DISCONTINUANCE, CLOSURE AND ABANDONMENT OF THE FOLLOWING STREETS:

Second Street: beginning at the western boundary of Butternut Lane and running in an easterly direction to the western boundary of Spruce Street.

Second Street: beginning at the eastern boundary of Spruce Street and running in an easterly direction to the western boundary of Pine Street.

Spruce Street: beginning at a point 400 feet more or less south of Bonney Road and running in a southerly direction to the northern boundary of Interstate #264.

Said parcels contain 1,037 acres. DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Ruth Hodges Smith, MMC City Clerk

If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE at 427-4037; Hearing impaired, call TDD only 427-4305 (TDD - Telephonic Device for the Deaf).

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

Commonwealth of Virginia, Plaintiff v.

\$380.00 United States Currency (Travis McLean) CL99-003010;

\$119.03 United States Currency (Aethia L. Russell) CL97-001828;

\$520.00 United States Currency

(Danny L. Hamlin), CL99-002377 Defendants

Order of Publication And Affidavit

THIS DAY CAME the Attorney for the Commonwealth and moved this Honorable Court to forfeit to the Commonwealth of Virginia the above referenced items that were seized between May 15, 1997 and October 22, 1999.

An information was made, signed and filed with the Circuit Court Clerk's Office on each of the above matters. Said information stated the owner(s) of the property and the last known address(es) of the owner(s) at the time the information was filed.

It appearing that the whereabouts of at least one of the parties/defendants in each of the matters stated hereinabove is currently unknown, and that a registered letter has been mailed to their last known addresses, it is hereby ORDERED, that all parties appear on or before December 13, 2000, and do whatever is necessary to protect their interest in said property, including but not limited to filing a written Answer under oath, and setting the matter for trial on another date.

It is further ORDERED that pursuant to Section 19-2-386.3(B) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, this Order of Publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Virginia Beach.

J. Curtis Fruit, Clerk of the Court

By: Barbara S. Murtin, Deputy Clerk

ENTER this 13th day of September, 2000.

I ask for this:

HARVEY L. BRYANT, III

COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY

By Megan C.Z. Capodolo,

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney

I, Megan C.Z. Capodolo, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney, after having first duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

That pursuant to Section 8.01-316 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of the above listed parties.

Megan C.Z. Capodolo, Affiant COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH, to-wit:

1. Brenda L. Barger, a Notary Public in and for the City and State of Virginia, do hereby certify that the foregoing Affidavit of Megan C.Z. Capodolo, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney, was sworn to and subscribed to before me this 7th day of September, 2000.

Brenda L. Barger

Notary Public

My Commission Expires 1/31/01

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE

1257 Mozart Drive

Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust

from Kevin S. Tyree and Sylvia A. Tyree dated December 10, 1998

and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia

Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book

3998, page 1474, securing a loan

which was originally \$134,074.00.

Default having occurred in the

payment of the Note thereby secured,

and at the request of the holder of

said Note, the undersigned Substitute

Trustees will offer for sale at

public auction at the front steps of

the Municipal Building #1, near

the corner of Princess Anne &

North Landing, Virginia Beach,

on October 27, 2000 at 8:05 A.M.,

the property described in said

Deed of Trust, located at the above

address and briefly described as:

Lot 1-A, in Block F as shown on

that certain plat entitled "Resub-

division of Lots 1 and 2, Block F

and Lots 3 and 4, Block L, Ocean

Lakes North, Section Five (D.B.

2538, P.1119-1121) and Parcel A

and Parcel B, Ocean Lakes East,

Section Two (D.B. 2622, P.221-

223), Princess Anne Borough, Vir-

ginia Beach, Virginia", Tax Map #

2414906630000

The property will be conveyed by

Special Warranty Deed, subject to

all existing easements, restrictions

and any other conditions that may

affect title to the property. The

Noteholder reserves the right to bid

at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's de-

posit of \$13,200.00, cash or cer-

tified check, will be required at

the time of sale with the settle-

ment and full payment of the pur-

chase price within (15) fifteen days

from the date of the sale. Addition-

al terms will be announced at the

time of sale and the successful bid-

der will be required to execute and

deliver to the Substitute Trustee a

memorandum or contract of the

sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to col-

lect on a debt and any information

obtained will be used for that pur-

pose. Loan Type: FHA

NP007560

FOR INFORMATION CON-

TACT: Between 8 - 11 AM

Nectar Projects, Inc.

Substitute Trustees

751 Miller Drive, Suite G1

Leesburg, Virginia 20175

(703) 777-8619

40-1 210-13

Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE

3437 Woodburne Drive

Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust

from Derrick C. Palmer, Sr. and

Marilynn K. Palmer dated July 3,

1996 and recorded in the Clerk's

Office, Circuit Court, City of Vir-

ginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed

Book 3635, page 829, securing a

loan, which was originally

\$260,050.00. Default having oc-

curred in the payment of the Note

thereby secured, and at the request

of the holder of said Note, the un-

dersigned Substitute Trustees will

offer for sale at public auction at

the front steps of the Municipal

Building #1, near the corner of

Princess Anne & North Landing,

Virginia Beach, Virginia on Octo-

ber 27, 2000 at 8:07 A.M., the

property described in said Deed of

Trust, located at the above address

and briefly described as:

Lot 44, in Block S, on that cer-

tain plat entitled "The Lakes, Phase

III-C, Part 7, Princess Anne

Borough-Virginia Beach, Virginia"

Tax Map # 1486747090000

The property will be conveyed by

Special Warranty Deed, subject to

all existing easements, restrictions

and any other conditions that may

affect title to the property. The

Noteholder reserves the right to bid

at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's de-

posit of \$5,900.00, cash or cer-

tified check, will be required at

the time of sale with the settle-

ment and full payment of the pur-

chase price within (15) fifteen days

from the date of the sale. Addition-

al terms will be announced at the

time of sale and the successful bid-

der will be required to execute and

deliver to the Substitute Trustee a

memorandum or contract of the

sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to col-

lect on a debt and any information

obtained will be used for that pur-

pose. Loan Type: FHA

NP007572

FOR INFORMATION CON-

TACT: Between 8 - 11 AM

Nectar Projects, Inc.

Substitute Trustees

751 Miller Drive, Suite G1

Leesburg, Virginia 20175

(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

At its Formal Session, Tuesday,

24 October, 2000, at 6:00 P.M., in

the School Board Room, Building

6, Municipal Center, the Virginia

Beach City Council will RECON-

SIDER the applications of

TOWNE DEVELOPMENT

CORP./CARL SCHUBERT (de-

ceased 22 August 2000) for a change

of Zoning District Classification

from AG-2 Agricultural District to

R-15 Residential District on the

north side of Indian River Road,

east of Foreman Trail, containing

26.66 acres; AND A Conditional

Use Permit for an open-space pro-

motion option, containing 37 acres

(PRINCESS ANNE - DISTRICT

7).

Ruth Hodges Smith, MMC

City Clerk

If you are physically disabled or

AAUW to meet Oct. 18

The Virginia Beach Branch of the American Association of University Women will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. in the north dining room of Sentara Bayside Hospital on Independence Blvd.

The meeting will be related to public policy concerns: What happens between the time a bill leaves the "wish list" and possibly arrives on the governor's desk for signature? How can we impact this process along the way? Our speaker will be Freda Stanley.

Potential members who are graduates of four year colleges or universities or are currently enrolled as full time undergraduate students are invited to attend. For more information call the vice president of membership, 467-2775.

Lynnhaven Parish DAR holds talk on Fort Norfolk

The Lynnhaven Parish Chapter, NSDAR, will meet on Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Central Library, Virginia Beach. Diane Baily, public relations spokesperson for the Army Corps of Engineers, will speak on the "Haunting of Fort Norfolk."

In 1794, Congress authorized President George Washington to build a series of fortifications to protect 19 American harbors. Fort Norfolk is the last remaining of those 18th-century defenses.

One of the scheduled events is the "Ghosts of Fort Norfolk" at Halloween.



Gentleman, start your engines!

Restoring this 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air was a labor of love for John Gancel of Virginia Beach. He and his Chevy participated in the Tidewater Region AACA 27th annual Summertime Meet at Chesapeake City House.

Photo by Bob Rieger

TCC marks all time record enrollment

Deborah M. DiCroce, president of Tidewater Community College, has announced a record summer and fall enrollment at TCC, the largest in the 32-year history of the college.

"This growth is a reflection of our strategic focus on meeting the education and training needs of South Hampton Roads," said Di-

Croce. "As importantly, it affirms the public's confidence in the quality of our programs and services. And it validates our commitment to preparing people for both successful completion of a baccalaureate degree and the world of work."

TCC has experienced enrollment growth of 23.9 percent over the last three years. This outpaces the

12.8 percent growth experienced throughout the Virginia Community College System for that same time period.

The final summer enrollment figures are in, showing an 11.2 percent increase in full-time equivalent student (FTES) enrollment over summer 1999. One FTES represents the equivalent of one student taking a full load of 15 credit hours. The overall FTES enrollment for the college was 3,817.

Summer 2000's FTES enrollment was up at each of TCC's four campuses over last summer's numbers. The Chesapeake Campus had the largest percentage change in FTES at 22 percent. The Norfolk campus enrollment was up 17 percent over last summer, followed by the Virginia Beach campus at 9.1 percent and the Portsmouth campus at 6.6 percent.

Measuring this same 2000 record summer enrollment by headcount (the actual number of students enrolled), summer enrollment was up 6.5 percent over last summer. The Chesapeake campus had the largest headcount enrollment increase at 14.4 percent, followed closely by Norfolk at 14.2 percent, then by Portsmouth at 4.8 percent and Virginia Beach at 3.5 percent. The overall headcount total for the college was 10,627 students, which is 646 students more than last summer.

The preliminary numbers for fall indicate that TCC's overall enrollment has increased 6.6 percent over last year.

The record enrollment for last fall in terms of FTES was 10,992. This fall's enrollment is projected to more than 11,700 FTES and the headcount is projected to exceed 20,000 students. By the end of the fall term, the college anticipates a 6.6 percent increase in FTES as compared to last fall.

The Chesapeake and Norfolk campuses are expecting the largest increases at 9.7 percent and 18.7 percent respectively. The Portsmouth campus is expecting a nearly 1 percent and the Virginia Beach campus a 5.2 percent increase.

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Discover your 'Sixth Sense' at ARE conference

She sees dead people. In fact, internationally known medium, healer and author Rosemary Altea actually communicates with those who've passed on to the other side and shares their messages with the people they've left behind.

Altea, who has been featured on "Oprah" and "Larry King Live," says it is a gift she has had since she was a young woman. The famed psychic will share her gift with the public as part of "The Sixth Sense: Your Bridge to the Beyond" conference at the Association for Research and Enlightenment (ARE) Oct. 13-15 in Virginia Beach.

Conference participants will hear messages from deceased loved ones, explore how to become more sensitive to the invisible world, discover their own intuitive powers and develop the gift of healing. On Saturday night keynote speaker Rosemary Altea makes her first appearance at the ARE, sharing her unique extrasensory gift and inviting questions from the audience.

Other speakers include author and

lecturer Robert Grant, who will share stories about how psychic Edgar Cayce used his "sixth sense" to communicate with the dead and help them find their way to the light, and Meredith Puryear, who will demonstrate the impact prayers have on the living and those who have passed on. On Sunday morning, Altea will lead a workshop drawing on the theme of her book "You Own the Power." She and her spirit guide, Greig Ealey, help participants explore their own "sixth sense" with interactive demonstrations and guidance down the spiritual path.

"The Sixth Sense: Your Bridge to the Beyond" promises to be an enlightening conference for anyone who believes that life is eternal and wishes to explore what lies on the other side.

To register call 1-800-333-4499, or visit the ARE website at www.edgarcayce.org. Cost is \$250 for ARE members, \$285 for non-members, \$125 to attend only the Rosemary Altea presentations.

Harvest Fair brings farm fun to Beach

Harvest Fair of Hampton Roads promises to induce a frenzy of excitement from Thursday, Oct. 19 through Sunday, Oct. 22.

Harvest Fair explores the deep agricultural heritage of the community and the Commonwealth. For four days, Princess Anne Park will host the event, which is planned cooperatively by the cities of Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk and Virginia Beach.

The fair will promote youth, agriculture, education and commerce. An extravaganza of things

to do and see features animal exhibits, bull riding, racing pigs, helicopter rides, skydiving, nightly fireworks and numerous games, rides and contests.

Admission to Harvest Fair is \$5 for ages 13 to 59, children five and younger free, children six to 12 and senior citizens \$4 each. All featured entertainment is free with admission; ride and game costs are additional.

For additional information call, 496-9377, or visit harvestfairva.com.

Women's group plans inspirational conference

Bethel Temple Assembly of God will host the Women on the Move Conference Oct. 26-28 at the Sheraton Oceanfront Hotel in Virginia Beach. Registration fee is \$70, seniors \$56.

This first conference brings together women from across Hampton Roads to encourage self-assessment, reflection and empowerment to use God-given gifts and talents in everyday life situations.

"Each woman is handpicked by God and situated in Christ's body just as He desires, and is indispensable in reaching her particular sphere of influence for Christ," said Decorious Vines, conference/women's ministry director. "The Women on the Move Conference

2000 is surely to be a life-changing experience. Who knows, you may have come into the Kingdom of God for such a time as this."

The conference theme, "Living Inside Out," is based on John 15:1-5. The guest speaker will be Marilyn Gool, a native of Nassau, Bahamas, author and co-pastor of Victory Christian Center in Charlotte, N.C.

The guest soloist will be Natalie Green-Neal, International Church of God in Christ soloist. Six concurrent workshops will be offered with dynamic praise and worship led by worship leader Felicia Brown.

For more information call, 826-1426, ext. 229.

P.A. Elementary School holds Family Literacy Night Oct. 26

Family Literacy Night will be held Thursday, Oct. 26 from 6 to 8:10 p.m. at Princess Anne Elementary School to promote the enjoyment of literature and writing to parents as a family endeavor.

There will be two break-out sessions on topics of interest for parents. There will be two break-out sessions for children. Children will be escorted from the first break-out session to the second break-out session. Parents will meet their child in the classroom of their second

break-out session.

Pre-registration is necessary to reserve space and is limited to 60 children in K-1 and 40 children in the other grade levels. Children are encouraged to dress-up as their favorite storybook character.

The program includes 6 to 6:30 p.m., Virginia Beach Public Library Bookmobile available for book checkout; 6 to 6:30 registration; and 6:30 to 7 p.m. general session (introduction evening's procedures keynote speech).



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News in Brief

'Spooky Stories'

Tidewater Playback Theatre Troupe will present "Spooky Stories" at the Heritage Center. Children, teens and grown-ups are all welcome to bring their scary tales and watch them come to life before one's eyes. Costumes are optional. The event is 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27 at 314 Laskin Rd. Admission is adults \$6, children/students, \$4. For reservations call the Playback Theatre, 496-6904.

Scarf it up!

Don't miss an opportunity to register for "Beginning Loom Weaving: Chenille Scarves" with instructor Donna Wynn at the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia. This introduction to loom weaving will cover a general understanding of weaving, looms and their operation, basic design and color interaction. Make a unique 9-inch-by-62-inch chenille scarf to keep or give as a gift. The instructor will provide kits of yarn in complementary colors. All equipment and materials are provided. This class meets each Friday, 10 a.m. to noon, Nov. 3 through Dec. 15 for six weeks. Total cost for CAD members \$75/Nonmembers \$85. Registration deadline is Oct. 27. Call 425-0000, ext. 29 to register.

Choral course

The Center for Sacred Music at Virginia Wesleyan College will offer a six-week course in Sacred Choral Literature on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. beginning Oct. 24 in the Fine Arts building on the campus at 1584 Wesleyan Drive, Norfolk/Virginia Beach. The course includes an overview of the choral literature of the Christian church from both historical and practical perspectives and includes both lecture and listening portions. The course is part of VWC's Church Music Certificate program, but is open to anyone. For further details or to register call 455-3376.

Hoop it up!

Hoop up your holiday spirit at Princess Anne Recreation Center's Saturday Night Hoops Fest Saturday, Dec. 2 from 4 p.m. to midnight. This event is open to ages 13 to 17 and will feature a variety basketball contests and tournaments. The cost is \$2. Registration deadline is Nov. 30. For additional information call Princess Anne Recreation Center, 426-0022.

ROWS host tenor

The Retired Officer's Wives Society of Tidewater will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 9 at the Fort Story Club in Virginia Beach. Call 481-6356 or 481-2466 by Nov. 5 for reservations. The program will be presented by retired Maj. Gen. Jerry Curry, a widely-recognized operatic tenor who will present selections from his repertoire of grand opera, folk music, spirituals and popular songs. Membership in the organizations is open to all wives and widows of retired military officers and to retired female officers from any branch of uniformed military service.

Christmas bazaar

The Lynnhaven Colony Congregational Church's Women Fellowship will sponsor a Christmas bazaar Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 2217 Great Neck Rd. Holiday crafts, holiday pie sale and lunch will be offered. Holiday crafter's space/tables will be for rent. Holiday fashions and accessories will be featured by Cherry Davidson. If interested in renting space call Jean Muehlen at 481-1338 (h) or 422-6700 (w).

Art opportunities

The Contemporary Art Center of Virginia fall semester has started, but there are a few classes starting in October and November. Students may choose from a variety of studio art classes, including figure drawing; oil and acrylic painting; outdoor painting and drawing (Landscape on Location); and a semiprivate darkroom class. Workshops this fall include classes in fused glass, loom weaving and indoor water fountains. Call the CAC education department, 425-000, ext. 29, to request a schedule.

'Deep' talk

Dr. Ron Johnson, associate professor of oceanography at Old Dominion University, will present an audio/video program entitled "World Impact of Ocean Exploration" at the meeting of the men's fellowship of Lynnhaven Colony Congregational Church at Old Country Buffet of the Regency Plaza off Laskin Road in Virginia Beach at 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6. The public is invited to attend. Women are welcome guests. Contact the church, 481-7674.

AAA opens regional facility

Virginia Beach Blvd. corporate center services 310,000 members

By Jason Norman
Correspondent

Since 1913, the American Automobile Association (AAA) of Tidewater has provided roadside aid and service to millions of residents across the country.

Helping with directions, flat tires and drivers who have simply run out of gas, the association has proved invaluable to drivers for nearly a century.

Last week, the organization cut the ribbon on its newest facility in Virginia Beach—the AAA Corporate Center.

Located on Virginia Beach Boulevard, the 54,000-square-foot innovative building will house the regional administrative offices for AAA, educational and

safety programs and a travel center that will be open to the public.

AAA of Tidewater President Carol Ormond opened the ceremony.

"After four years of discussing, planning, designing and constructing this new building, we are very proud to show it today. This building represents an important step to the future of our organization. It provides greater access to our services for both members of AAA, and members of the Hampton Roads community," she said.

"AAA of Tidewater played, and continue to play, a major role in the construction of safe highways. This organization is a promoter of travel safety, through ed-

ucation and legislative activities. Beyond serving our own Tidewater-area membership of more than 310,000, and a national membership of more than 43 million, we have worked to make travel safe for everyone. We render aid to more than 200,000 stranded motorists in and around Hampton Roads each year.

"With the opening of this new facility, we are hoping that we will be able to do even more for you. We've expanded many of our existing services, such as our travel agency, and our emergency road services response operation center. We are also now able to offer to you retail travel products, insurance agency services and a number of community educational programs," she continued.

Virginia Beach Mayor Meyera Oberndorf spoke at the ceremony.

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CUT! The AAA of Tidewater held a ribbon-cutting ceremony last week for its new corporate headquarters on Virginia Beach Boulevard.

2,500 Heart Walkers pound pavement

Turnout deemed good as supporters raise \$220,000 for research, education

By Jason Norman
Correspondent

Thousands of Hampton Roads men, women and children took part in the American Heart Association (AHA) Walk for Life Sunday at the Tidewater Community College (TCC) campus in Virginia Beach.

Founded in 1924, the AHA is one of the country's largest voluntary health organizations, aiding in the discovery of such things as cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), open heart surgery and pacemakers. The walk is held every year to raise money to aid in more medical research.

"This event has been going on for decades," said Marilee de Lange Eaton, communications director for the Virginia Council of the AHA. "We are here to raise money for the AHA to fight heart

disease and stroke. We are very satisfied with the turnout this far."

This year's walk goal was \$220,000.

"I'm really happy with the turnout," said area director Susan Perench. "The amount of people turning out for the fight against heart disease has been tremendous. The walk is a celebration for those that have survived heart disease."

More than 2,500 participants made the three-mile trek around the TCC campus, including Linwood Craig of Norfolk.

"I thought I had a point to prove, and I think I really proved it," said Craig, who has had five heart bypass surgeries and is diabetic. "The people kept up a pretty good pace, and I think we're all glad to be part of this worthwhile endeavor."

"I am into healthy living, and there's

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HITTING THE TRAIL: ABOUT 2,500 people turned out Sunday for the American Heart Association's Virginia Beach campus Sunday to raise money for the American Heart Association. This year's goal was \$220,000.

Pumpkin pickin's slim, but fun still there

Henley's Farm carries on tradition despite lackluster crop offerings

By Jane Rowe
Correspondent

It's a picture-perfect fall day, and Jeff Henley watches as a day-trippers, clutching bright orange pumpkins, climb off of the hay wagon.

"Yeah, the weather's real good now," Henley said wryly.

The problem came earlier this summer, when almost daily rainfall turned the fields to mud on his father's Chantry Neck Road farm.

Too much rain spells disaster for pumpkins, Henley said, because "they lay on the ground, and when you get all that wet weather, the pumpkins begin to rot before they're ready to be picked."

Fortunately for this year's trick-or-treaters, there's still plenty of pumpkins

to go around because neighboring states enjoyed dryer weather this season.

"They're bringing them in here from Ohio," Henley said, and this year's midwestern crop are bright orange, well-formed and appealing.

Henley's Farm offers free hayrides for pumpkin pickers, and this year, good fall weather has brought out the men, women and small children from the suburbs to take advantage of the sunshine, hay and pumpkins.

"It's been pretty steady," Henley said.

But if you miss the Halloween hayrides and jack-o-lantern carving, you'll have another chance to have fun with pumpkins at the fourth annual pumpkin fling on Saturday, Nov. 4.

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PICK A PUMPKIN. The wet summer was rough on Virginia Beach's pumpkin crop, but the show must go on. Henley Farm brought in the orange orbs from elsewhere to make sure pumpkin pickers wouldn't be disappointed.

Cookoff seeks to answer burning question

Just who does have the fleet's best chili?

By Jim DeAngelo
Correspondent

They came in camouflage. They wore firefighting helmets and gas masks. Some brought their weapons.

Others brought their aprons.

Several teams participated in the 18th annual Fleet Week Chili Cook-Off and Family Fair Saturday, vying for the honor of best chili in the fleet.

But the Oceana Naval Air Station event was about more than hot chili. It was for and about the Navy family, held to celebrate the Navy's 225th birthday — with many thinking of lost and injured shipmates in a far-off region.

Just days after 17 sailors were killed when apparent suicide bombers left a 30-by-40-foot hole in the hull of USS Cole (DDG 67) as it was being refueled in Aden, Yemen, Navy families gathered together Saturday.

After three days of wondering how and why this could happen to their shipmates and a somber remembrance the previous night to kick off Fleet Week, hundreds of sailors and family members of all ages turned out for some good chili, plenty of sunshine and much-needed quality time



HOT STUFF! Wil Arte, right, promotes the Fleet Air Control Command Surveillance, Virginia Capes "burning" chili entry during the weekend cookoff.

with the family. They showed up to support their shipmates and to start the healing process.

"It is good to see smiling faces," admitted Virginia Beach Mayor Meyera E. Oberndorf, who partnered with the Navy

to host the event and was on hand to help select the best chili.

"I now the folks that attacked the USS Cole wanted to break our spirit and our resolve," she continued. "The will do neither. We will continue to grow strong as a nation and protect our young folks and to thank those who have to go into harm's way."

The mayor said that she and the city were behind the sailor's families "1,000 percent" especially those who were part of the Virginia Beach family.

With thoughts on a ship and their shipmates half a world away, the chili contest and family fair went forth as planned. It included grilled hamburgers, hot dogs and picnic fare. There were pumpkins to paint, games and rides for the kids. There was music and sunshine.

And there was plenty of chili.

Numerous Navy commands took part in the chili cook-off, which included prizes for best tasting chili, best booth, best costume and best spirit.

"We're shooting for the most original chili," declared John Wise of Norfolk's Personnel Unit. "We call it 'Countdown Chili' because it has five

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Commentary

CRIME PREVENTION MONTH

Empower yourself

October is National Crime Prevention Month, a time when citizens across the country are challenged to take action in driving crime from the streets. By taking an active role in preventing crime, citizens can actually do more to prevent illegal activities than the police and courts. By taking away the opportunity, the threat is lessened.

Law enforcement officers say there are three elements which makes crime possible: opportunity, ability and desire. When someone removes one of the three, the crime can't occur. Having citizens become involved in crime prevention often removes the opportunity. The result is a better environment for all.

But it only works if residents take an active role.

Action makes the difference. It reflects the belief that when prevention becomes everyone's business, crime and fear no longer dominate people's lives. Experiences in our communities and across the country have demonstrated that grassroots, collaborative action works.

A prime example is the Neighborhood Watch program which empowers residents and joins together members of a community to help each other. By having an entire street active in crime prevention, criminals are forced to look elsewhere for the opportunities they need to commit crime.

Locally, Hampton Roads can boast of the McGruff Safe Houses for children, as well as aggressive community policing programs in Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, Portsmouth and Norfolk. Even community clean-ups represent people taking back their streets.

The worst reaction to crime, violence and drugs is to recoil in fear and retreat into isolation. This month law enforcement agencies, schools and other organizations need citizens to recommit themselves to increased awareness of crime prevention, even if it means only making one's home more secure.

Other measures that can be taken:

- Help spread the message that preventing crime is everyone's business and not just the job of law enforcement.
- Join your Neighborhood Watch, or form one if it's not in place.
- Keep doors locked, even when you are in the yard or house.
- Don't hide keys outside your home (burglars know where to look). Rather, give an extra key to a trusted neighbor.
- Don't open the door for a stranger without proper identification.
- Install outside lights and keep them on at night.
- Prune shrubbery so it doesn't hide doors and windows.
- Stay alert while in public.
- Don't walk alone. If possible, walk with a spouse or friend, especially at night.
- Report all crime, no matter how minor or embarrassing. Call the police.

Remember, law enforcement alone can't do it all. It's up to citizens to help make their community safe and free from crime. — V.E.H.

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Counting on the Beach and Norfolk

How refreshing! Ed Schrock, a Republican state senator running for Owen Pickett's congressional seat, is being made

to answer for raising campaign funds from special business interests at the same time he was voting on legislation that affected them. It's about time.

Perspectives

By Eileen Huey, columnist

Virginia's sanctioning of legalized bribery hit the front pages and the airways.

Yes, folks, it's legal! Since Schrock is running for Congress, he is allowed to solicit funds from the very groups who stand to gain by the votes he is simultaneously casting in the Virginia Senate.

Who wants to give me odds on whether or not he voted favorably to those lobbyists' agenda? The Schrock campaign even has the nerve to complain that he is being criticized unfairly because his abominable action was legal.

Has the state senator never heard of conflict of interest or ethics in public office?

Schrock is also complaining that his comment on his relations with his big money contributors that "they have his ear and he has theirs, and that it is great fun," is being taken out of context. His beef is that he said that in 1996, not this year, and so it isn't relevant to his campaign for Congress.

Really? Like there are not thousands of corporate lobbyists in Washington with 10 times more dollars on hand to grease the palms of politicians. If Schrock thinks Richmond's fun, think how much more fun he can have at the fund-raiser capital of the world.

Of course, most of us Jane and Joe citizens don't get to frolic in this high stakes campaign dollars for votes game. We just plod along making America the most prosperous nation in the world.

But, how silly of me to think that means our voices should count more than the boardrooms of corporate America. After all, they have the wealth to buy the ticket to pass "Go" in the policy monopoly game played out daily in our state and nation's capitol.

The election of Schrock's opponent, Jody Wagner (Owen Pickett's hand-picked nominee for his office), already made a lot of sense even before her opponent's ethically challenged conduct in office came to light. Lord knows we need real community leaders in Washington, not more of the same old pols who do nothing but curry favor with big donors, vie for partisan power and block any meaningful reforms to our institutions and policies.

Hampton Roads could not ask for a more qualified community leader than Jody Wagner. A brilliant securities lawyer with one of our most prestigious firms and a mother of four, Jody has 17 years of experience serving on the boards of all of the major community and civic groups in our region.

Again and again, Jody has demonstrated her leadership skills, both in the business and public arena. But, best of all, she's one of us. She knows

the problems of our communities where the rubber hits the road, whether in the workplace, classroom or public square.

Like most of us, Jody is a fiscal conservative. Her professional background enables her to clearly understand the complex world of finance so integral to keeping us on our path of economic growth.

As the wife of a surgeon, Jody is especially aware of the health care crisis that faces our nation as the health insurance industry continues to block every effort to make quality and affordable health care accessible to millions of Americans.

Also critical is her demand for real investment in a better quality of life for our military families and the modernization of its equipment; a Medicare prescription drug benefit for our elderly; the creation of a modern infrastructure to keep Virginia's businesses competitive; development of cleaner sources of energy and technology to protect our environment; and a middle class tax cut to enable families to save for higher education and retirement years or to care for an aging parent.

It would be very advantageous to our entire region to be represented by such a qualified and capable member in Congress. Plus, Jody is not beholden to the insider power brokers who control public policies through campaign contributions, and would vote in our best interest not theirs.

Of course, the citizens of the Beach and Norfolk have to elect her first before the good she can do can materialize.

Let's hope they're paying enough attention to know how important it is to choose Jody Wagner as their representative in November.

'That's the way it is...'

Thanks to a good friend's generosity, I had the chance last week to attend the Norfolk Forum and hear

broadcasting legend Walter Cronkite.

To a journalist, the chance to see Cronkite in person was a golden opportunity. He's not just an icon for millions of Americans, he's a living example of how reporting should be done.

At 83, he is still astute, insightful and entertaining. Despite recent leg surgery, he still kept his commitment to address the forum. Lesser names have canceled for lesser reasons.

But that was Cronkite, leg all wrapped up, conversing with moderator Dr. L.D. Brit while seated — quite appropriately — in the type of chair you'd expect FDR to sit in while delivering a fireside chat.

Cronkite is an enduring name and still a memorable face, though he retired from the CBS Evening News anchor desk in 1982 after 19 years. That was 18 years ago.

Has Dan rather really been sitting in that chair nearly as long as Cronkite? Time flies. I even remember Cronkite's final newscast — and I was only 13 years old.

I still miss his sign-off, "And that's the way it is..."

For those of you not fortunate enough to hear Cronkite last Tuesday night, several stories he told are still vivid in my mind. So are some of the

answers he gave to questions fielded from the audience.

It seems Walter has quite a rivalry with Barbara Walters. Imagine that. As a matter of fact, I heard her address the Norfolk Forum a couple of years ago, too, and there's no comparison.

Cronkite is the master. I [screamed Mr. Cronkite and a cameraman had snagged an interview with Anwar Sadat in Cairo and it was all very hush hush. It was a coup for the veteran newsmen.

Meanwhile, when he got to the airport, there in the waiting area sat dozens of competing reporters and cameramen assigned to cover something in Tel Aviv.

Surely, if they saw Cronkite board the plane to Cairo, they would know something was up and change their plans, too.

All Cronkite could do was pray the plane to Tel Aviv left first.

Fortunately, it did. Still giving the appearance that he was accompanying the rest of the news entourage to Tel Aviv, Cronkite and his cameraman fell further and further behind in the line waiting to board the plane.

Eventually, he knew he was home free — that no one would notice he wasn't there.

About halfway to Tel Aviv, someone noticed.

"They left Cronkite at the airport," someone said.

Someone else must have put two and two together and realized that Cronkite, being the consummate journalist, would never have missed a plane by accident.

Later, as Cronkite landed in Cairo and was on the tarmac to meet Sadat, a lone figure waving frantically came running toward them. Drat! Barbara Walters!

Of course, you had to hear the master tell the story, but one can still see the edge of competition drives

the journalist — all these years later. Cronkite recalled other anecdotes from his long career, including stories about President Dwight Eisenhower at the wheel during a 20th anniversary of D-Day visit to Normandy.

What I really enjoyed, however, were his responses to some of the questions during the Q-and-A period.

One gentleman asked Cronkite, still called the "most trusted man in America," why he never ran for the presidency.

Cronkite related that he had been approached about it by the political parties on different occasions and had turned them down.

Why? Because, he explained, each one told Cronkite what they could do for him, how they could mold him, how they could make him the president.

But no one ever asked him what his viewpoints were on the issues. They didn't care what his political stances were — just that he would make the "ideal candidate."

During the forum, Cronkite never did reveal his stances, nor if he was a Democrat or Republican.

That's one thing about Cronkite that has always impressed me. He has never tried to inject his own biases into stories. He simply covered the news, plain and simple.

That's how it should be. I could go on about Walter Cronkite, because — for me — it was an enlightening and enriching evening.

The final question asked of Cronkite before he left the stage was "How would you like to be remembered?"

His answer was just four words: "As a fair newsmen."

I think you succeeded, Mr. Cronkite, and we are all the better for it.

Liars cannot be peacemakers

Along with many other Americans, I was sickened at the actions of the Palestinian mob who murdered two, perhaps three, Israeli soldiers who made a wrong turn ended up in hostile Palestinian-controlled territory where their bodies were mutilated.

The punishment: being thrown from a second-story window at the Palestinian police station, stomped, beat, burned

and then one of the bodies was paraded through town.

This is terrorism at its worst, and the leader of the scum who slaughtered those Israeli soldiers is led by the biggest terrorist of them all — Yasser Arafat. Arafat has always been a terrorist and always will be. His goal, which he has stated many times, is to drive Israel into the sea.

Arafat does not care how many innocent people are hurt or killed so long as his agenda is met. This man has been suspected of being involved in bombings that have killed Americans and destroyed U.S. property. We have no way of knowing who he is involved with since our intelligence agencies have been gutted to the extent that we know very little about what is happening in the Midwest — or anywhere else for that matter.

Perhaps Arafat slept in the Lincoln bedroom while Clinton was winning and dining him at the White House and Camp David. Did Arafat have anything to do with the bombing of the U.S. Marine barracks in Beirut, Lebanon on Oct. 23, 1983, killing 241 Marines, or did he know who did?

While Hillary was kissing his wife and Bill was hugging him, it would have been a good chance to bid of Arafat if Clinton had only choked him to death.

Clinton has screwed up so badly during his time in office that he is looking for something to make him look good before he leaves. He has failed miserably in his attempt to be the peacemaker between Israel and the Palestinians. He hoped to be nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize, which was given to Kim Dae Jung, president of South Korea.

It was disclosed on MSNBC recently that discreet telephone calls had been made to the group who decided who gets the award and that the White House suggested that Clinton should get it. This man has no shame and would use the tragic events in the Midwest to further his own cause.

Clinton can call for all of the summit meetings he wants, but only God can solve the problem, and He will do it in his own time without the help of "Stink Willie."

Liars cannot be peacemakers; they cannot be trusted.

Welcome to the real world.

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State must assist for quality standards to continue here

Technology is of critical importance as we head into the 21st-century.

Virginia Beach is making a large commitment to provide "e-government" services to its residents. Having our residents' technology literature is a large part of that commitment. Roughly 45 percent of households in the city have access to the Internet, but this, as you might expect, is concentrated among the higher income, better educated, households.

We, at the local level, are experiencing our own "digital divide."

We feel that having computers available within the schools and public libraries will help close this gap. Towards that end, every library in the city has computer access which is open to the public, and we are providing public instruction in the use of electronic resources and the Internet.

The school administration is also working to provide computer access throughout the school system. The City Council agreed to provide \$1.5 million each year through 2008 to match the school's commitment of \$2 million to advance technology utilization in the schools. This will provide \$28 million over the next eight years towards new technology.

But this level barely scratches the surface of the need by providing only 21,000 computers for 77,500 students. Articles in various trade publications over the last several months have highlighted the efforts of other states to provide each school-age child a computer to ensure that they can compete in the 21st century — Virginia Beach students should not be left behind!

Our need for school modernization is directly related to the importance of technology. It is unreasonable to expect a building constructed in the 1950s — or even 1970s — to meet the electrical or classroom requirements of today's technology-driven educational needs.

Both the City Council and School Board worked to devise a plan which would modernize the system's oldest schools.

However, funding limitations were severely restricting our ability to address this critical need. The state's provision of lottery proceeds provided us with a mechanism to help close the gap, and the council and School Board agreed to dedicate \$9.7 million of these funds to the modernization program. The lottery funds, combined with approximately \$21 million each year in local funding, is allowing us to modernize, over the next six years, 19 schools out of the 47 that were initially identified as needing substantial renovation.

The need to modernize most of our schools will remain a significant problem for us. It is critical that the state

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remain a participant with us in modernizing schools, and that additional resources be provided to keep our school buildings capable of meeting the needs of educating students.

Tying in with the need to modernize schools is the need to maintain this critical infrastructure. Currently, the city and school system dedicate nearly \$12 million within the capital budget each year to large school maintenance projects, such as improvements to indoor air quality, re-roofing, HVAC system replacements and disability access. These are on-going efforts to maintain this infrastructure. In addition to these major projects, the school system spends over \$48 million of its annual operating budget each year on routine maintenance.

The last concern we have, is that none of this matters if we do not have qualified, energetic teachers and other professionals to provide the level of instruction needed to meet the demands of the 21st century. The current teacher shortage which we and other Virginia communities are experiencing relates, at least in part, to salary.

There is no reason Virginia should not be the leader in attracting and retaining qualified teachers. To accomplish this, the state must take a leadership role and provide the necessary funding to fully fund all teaching positions within the state, at least equal to the national average.

How can we expect to have a first class educational system with folks compensated at less than the national average salary?

The reality is that none of us would want a school system which is funded at below the Standards of Quality level. We need the state as the principal partner in educational funding. Localities can not go it alone. Nor can we continue to make up for the lack of state funding and meet state mandates.

Currently, educational funding for Virginia Beach, be it construction funding or operating funding, makes up 50 percent of the city's total spending. In the other 50 percent, we must provide for libraries, police services, fire services, parks and recreation, trash collection, stormwater management and roadway maintenance.

I do not see how, without additional help, we can do more.

Lisa Chandler White, media and communications coordinator for the Mayor's Office, contributed to this column.

Fraternity hosts dinner, dance, honors ceremony

Gamma Xi Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in Virginia Beach, in conjunction with the six other chapters of South Hampton Roads, will celebrate the Fraternity's annual Achievement Week with a dinner dance at the Chesapeake Conference Center in Chesapeake on Friday, Nov. 10.

During this event the respective chapters will recognize their Citizens of the Year, persons who have made significant social action contributions in the community, and award scholarships to the top winners in the organization's high school essay contest. Additionally, each chapter will recognize its Omega Man of the Year and present awards for service to the fraternity.

Cocktails will be served at a cash bar beginning at 6 p.m., and dinner served at 7 p.m. Dancing will begin after the presentation of awards and continue until 1 a.m. Donations are \$30 per person, with all proceeds to benefit social action

activities in the community.

Gamma Xi and the six other chapters represent the communities of Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Chesapeake, Suffolk and Franklin, as well as the campuses of Norfolk State and Old Dominion universities. The essay contest is conducted as a part of the fraternity's annual Achievement Week observance. Gamma Xi Chapter was chartered in Virginia Beach in 1976, and is one of 700 graduate and undergraduate chapters in 500 locales throughout the United States and several foreign nations.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was founded Nov. 17, 1911 at Howard University in Washington, D.C. It was the first African-American fraternity founded at a historically Black college or university. Today, there are 150,000 members.

For additional information contact Alvin Willey, 487-5230, or e-mail, alvinwilley@hotmail.com.

Up close and personal

Santos Lastra: Painting his future

By Victoria Hecht
Editor

At this very moment Hampton Roads' own Santos Lastra could be on the road to fame and fortune.

The Mexican-born Lastra is in Miami learning whether he is the winner of Daimler Chrysler Corp.'s "El Arte Que Nos Mueve" competition, a Latino art contest with a top prize of \$10,000. Lastra is one of three finalists.

With a new studio/office at the Beach, Lastra admits he could do plenty with the windfall. He has dreams of opening his own gallery and even a restaurant. He is employed at La Tolteca in Churchland/Western Branch, but his heart is in painting.

"When I was little I found I had a good ability to draw and do cartoons, but I didn't have the money to buy the pencils, paints, etc.," he remembered. "So when I finally had the time and money to buy the paints, there were oils, acrylics, watercolors, all these things. I didn't know what to do with them."

Lastra experimented first, finding dissatisfaction with oils. Initially, he didn't know the paints were very slow drying — and unforgiving to touch-ups while still wet.

"The first time I did something in oil, I threw it away," he laughed. "I said, 'This paint isn't working.'"

Today, however, oils are Lastra favorite medium. Often, his "canvases" is the wall of a local Mexican restaurant. His murals appear in eateries around the area, including El Grand Rodeo in Virginia Beach and La Tolteca where he works. He has been commissioned to do outdoor murals elsewhere as well, the largest of which is a 25-by-60-foot one adorning a restaurant in Richmond. On a smaller scale, Lastra is also frequently commissioned to do canvases for homes near and far.

"Every time I do a painting, I get a little bit better," said the artist, who has lived in Hampton Roads for six years. Before coming here, he lived in San Diego and Sacramento, Calif., but felt this area "could offer me more opportunities."

He's hoping the Daimler Chrysler competition will give him the extra push he needs to launch a full-fledged art career.

"I learned of the contest only three weeks before the deadline. First I thought about it — what I could paint — for three days and talked to my friends to see if they had any ideas."

Then Lastra remembered one of the old customs in his native Mexico. When a young man woos a woman, he carries her for a horseback ride into the setting sun.

Lastra's set to work immediately on the concept with a twist. Because the winning piece must combine elements of yesterday and today, he painted his image of the old tradition — and a takeoff of it today on the half of the canvas. His painting, "Jeep Pi Pueblo y Yo," depicts an elegantly clad couple getting ready to drive off into the sunset in a gleaming Jeep Grand Cherokee.

There were more than 100 entries in the contest, so Lastra was thrilled to learned his work had been narrowed down to the final three. He knows he will get a cash prize regardless: first place, \$10,000; second place, \$8,000; and third place, \$6,000.

"I just wish I were getting a new Jeep, too!" he said wistfully.

Lastra is in Miami right now on an expenses-paid trip with wife Leticia learning whether he is the winning entry. The couple, which has two young children, has been looking forward to the getaway as a second honeymoon of sorts. They plan to check out lots of dance clubs.

"It keeps us young," he smiled.

Name: Jose Santos Lastra.

What brought you to this area: Good opportunities.

Hometown: Ebuho, Mexico.



"The first time I did something in oil, I threw it away." I said, "This paint isn't working."

Santos Lastra

Age: 27.

Nickname: Santos.

Occupation: Artist and waiter.

Marital Status: Married to Leticia.

Children: Two sons: Santos Jr., 5, and Luis Enrique, 3.

Favorite movies: "Sixth Sense" and "Titanic."

Favorite authors: None.

Favorite night out on the town: Going to Spanish clubs.

Favorite restaurant: La Tolteca.

Favorite meal: Almost anything, especially fajitas. But no Indian food.

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Best thing about myself: My art.

Pets: A dog and rabbit.

Hobbies: Art.

Ideal vacation: Mexico.

Pet peeves: None.

First job: Dishwasher.

Least liked job: Dishwasher.

Favorite sports team: San Francisco 49ers.

Favorite musician: Enrique Iglesias.

Most embarrassing moment: Bumped into a glass door with a cake in my hands.

How I would like to be remembered: As a famous painter.

If I received \$1 million: I would help others, open a gallery and work hard.

If I had 10 minutes on national television: I would inspire kids to go to school and not use drugs.

Golfing is family affair

Windsor Woods Elementary School held a Family Golf Fun Night at Lynnhaven Golf Park at Shipp's Corner. Students, parents and staff had a chance to get to know each other better while a portion of sales from the rounds went to the school. Kindergartner Joshua Sydenstricker was all smiles as he sank a putt.



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Beware black cats ...and other superstitions

Historic home offers spooky Oct. program

By Bob Rueggeger
Correspondent

Early English colonists in Virginia were an extremely superstitious lot.

Many of the superstitions that are familiar to contemporary society had their origins with those early settlers. A special tour at the Adam Thoroughgood House, "17th-Century Superstitions," is being offered through the month to help visitors explore some of the fascinating superstitious beliefs of early English settlers in Virginia.

"A superstition is any unfounded or irrational belief that becomes so ingrained that it affects your behavior," explained Rick Pougher, the historic interpreter who conducts the tours that delve into the realm of superstition.

Finding interesting examples of prevalent 17th-century superstitions came easily to Pougher. However, he found that defining the term superstition was more elusive — perhaps because superstitions tend to be a bit ephemeral.

Many times the behavior related to a particular superstitious belief becomes habitual, according to Pougher. Often the persons exhibiting the behavior cannot explain — or even guess — the reason for their actions.

"We all have little quirks," said Pougher. "We knock on wood. We don't walk under ladders." He admitted to being proficient at knocking on wood — a superstitious practice that he traced back to Native American culture.

Superstition can also involve unkinde, talismans, charms and amulets. Charms in 17th-century America were actions performed to ward off evil spirits, such as crossing one's fingers. A talisman was an object that was carried around for good luck. The rabbit's foot and four-leaf clover, even today, are regarded by many as lucky objects.

Pougher has a silver dollar — a "good luck piece" — that once belonged to his grandfather. The coin was given to Pougher's grandfather by Buffalo Bill Cody during one of Cody's Wild West shows.

"It was passed on to me," noted Pougher. "It was typical for good luck pieces to be passed on to the next generation — and cherished as such."

Throughout time, superstition has frequently been provoked by a combination of human fear, ignorance, and man's need to believe in the mystical or magical.

A desire to know the future has always been a basic human compulsion. In the 17th century, almanacs rivaled the Bible in terms of popularity — partly because they provided predictions of what fortune held.

One of the strangest superstitions of the 17th-century America was the practice of "telling the bees first." In colonial times, honey was used as a sweetener — a very valuable domestic commodity.

Of course, most planters and farmers kept bees because the hives provided a convenient local source

"Keep in mind that these people sincerely, sincerely believed that witches existed."

Rick Pougher, interpreter

of honey. It was believed that the bees that the family kept must be apprised first of any significant change in the family (for example, the death of a family member) or the flustered bees would abandon the family hive for another. The bees were informed of an impending marriage by tying a colorful ribbon to the beehive.

"Why they did this, we have no idea," said Pougher. "It was a ritual chiseled in granite. Everybody did it."

Perhaps the most widely held 17th-century superstition was the steadfast belief that witches and

witchcraft were forces to be reckoned with on a daily basis. The 17th century marked the height of the witchcraft hysteria which had been sweeping Europe for several centuries.

"Keep in mind that these people sincerely, sincerely believed that witches existed," said Pougher.

Witch bottles were believed to offer protection from witches, according to Pougher. Nails or pins were placed into a small bottle which was filled with human urine. The bottle was sealed and buried upside down near the door of the house. The witch bottles were believed to prevent witches from entering the house in the way that horseshoes were thought to offer a similar benefit.

While Virginia didn't experience the level of turmoil that gave Massachusetts first ranking on the witchcraft hysteria charts, it was clear that Virginians shared the superstitions of their northern brethren.

A few miles from the Thoroughgood House, Grace Sherwood, the witch of Pungo, gained notoriety as a result of her trial by water in the Lynnhaven River.

Although Sherwood survived her ducking, she was imprisoned for witchcraft. Eventually, Sherwood was pardoned by Governor Spotswood.

Witchduck Road and Witchduck Point bear testimony to Sherwood's ordeal at the hands of her neighbors who accused her of witchcraft.

Exploring superstitions and their origins at the Adam Thoroughgood House can provide visitors with a better understanding of the early colonial settlers' perspectives on their strange new world. It allows 20th-century folks to get an intriguing glimpse of 17th-century Virginians through the eyes and the mindsets of the settlers themselves.

"Seventeenth-Century Superstitions" is being offered at the Adam Thoroughgood House Saturdays through October.



ROCKY? Nope, it's not the famous cartoon flying squirrel. This one is an example of another 'beasty' intended to keep evil spirits at a distance.



TELL THE BEES FIRST. In colonial America a beehive consisted of a basket containing a series of parallel wooden bars. It was believed that bees must be informed of any significant change in the family structure to keep the hive productive. Rick Pougher holds a colonial-style hive — sans bees.



ARTISTIC HONORS. Virginia Beach Mayor Meyera Oberndorf honored Sara MacDonald and other Green Sea Festival poster contest winners during the event at Munden Point Park.

'Green Sea,' environmentalism keep conservation spirit alive

By Jim DeAngelo
Correspondent

When William Byrd first surveyed Hampton Roads' Southern Watershed Area (SWA) in 1728, he found plenty of tall, green reeds and grass. He described the area as a "green sea."

Nearly 300 years later, Byrd's aptly-named SWA was celebrated Saturday during the fourth annual Green Sea Festival. Held at Munden Point Park in Virginia Beach, it was an event that would surely have made Byrd proud and featured demonstrations, interactive exhibits and family entertainment.

The event is sponsored jointly by the cities of Chesapeake and Virginia Beach and held one year at Northwest River Park, and Munden Point the next.

"The festival is a celebration of the diversity and unique qualities of the Southern Watershed," explained Clay Bernick, an event organizer.

A Virginia Beach environmental management administrator, Bernick said part of the festival's purpose was to promote conservation and preservation, and to explain a little about the region's culture and history. He said organizers also wanted to make local residents aware of the watershed and its location.

"The SWA is a part of Chesapeake and Virginia Beach that drains into the Currituck and Albemarle sounds and is made up of the Northwest River, North Landing River and the Back Bay. It includes parks, wildlife refuge areas, nature trails, opportunities to kayak and canoe and other forms of recreation and eco-tourism."

"We want people to understand what natural resources they have in both cities, how special they are. We want them to know how to enjoy and protect them at the same time."

More than 40 exhibitors were on hand to help Bernick and festival coordinator Cindy Butler convey these messages. Combining learning and fun, the festival was definitely a family affair where one could enjoy music, dance, good food, arts and crafts. The event featured the "Wonderous Wetland Re-



SPREADING THEIR MESSAGE. The Department of Environmental Quality was one of the groups displaying an exhibit during last weekend's Green Sea Festival.

view" puppet show, Bob Zenta sea chanteys and Barnes and Noble's Tales from the Seashore.

The festival's poster contest winners were also on hand to receive their awards and congratulations from Virginia Beach Mayor Meyera E. Oberndorf.

"I'd like to congratulate all the students honored here," she said, "and congratulate their parents as well, for being wonderful role models. These kids wouldn't be as good as they are without you."

"We really have to take care of this area. We also have 38 miles of beach in Virginia Beach to take care of. I remind the people who live here that we are the caretakers. We have to protect the ocean and our rivers so people can come and enjoy them."

Helping the mayor spread this message, the contest's grand prize winner was 9-year-old Sara MacDonald, a fourth grader at New Castle Elementary School in Virginia Beach.

"It's really exciting," she said through a wide smile. "In the poster, I drew a picture of a guy fishing in a lake, a fish jumping, a lady having a picnic with ants crawling around...I was surprised to hear that I had won."

"It's really exciting," she repeatedly proudly.

In earning the award, MacDonald received a limousine ride to school with escorts "Smoky the Bear" and Barnes and Noble's "Bookworm." Her class benefits from the victory as well, and will receive an Edy's ice cream party and tickets to the Virginia Marine Science Museum.

Organizers hope to build on the event's first four years of success.

"We are looking to create a broader base," reported Bernick. "We might attempt to expand in the future, maybe invite Currituck County to join us, since the watershed doesn't end at state line. And we are thinking about adding activities, maybe a canoe race, more education yet fun for kids and families, maybe more contact with schools in each of the cities."

"We want it to continue to grow, but we don't want to focus on numbers and let it get too large. We want to keep it special and grow the awareness that has begun over the past two years."

Anyone with ideas about expanding the festival should contact Eric Walberg and the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, 420-8300.

Tallwood Lions spread cheer to Beth Sholom residents

By Judith Allison
Special to the Sun

Don't believe any negative comments you hear about today's teens.

The 86-members of the Tallwood High School Key Club know the meaning of the world "service." A peek at their agenda shows how

civic-minded the young people are and how much good they are doing in the community.

Led by Spanish teacher and club sponsor Wanda Janz, a member of the parent Kiwanis Club, and in conjunction with the Citizens' Committee to Protect the Elderly (CCPE), a sub-group of 25 to 30

Key Club members have "adopted" nearby Beth Sholom Nursing Home in College Park.

Beginning in 1999, they began visiting the nursing home regularly and struck up friendships with the residents. Together with Citizens' Committee volunteers, they presented monthly programs coordinated with activity director Valerie Harvey, including a swing dance, calypso dance, folk dance, sing-along and arts and crafts.

In addition to their work with the Citizens' Committee, Key Club projects also include recycling efforts, helping with the Special Olympics, The Department of Parks and Recreation, The American Red Cross, Woodstock Elementary School, and "Take A Child's Hand" — the October Odyssey at Centerville Elementary School. Tallwood High School can rightly be proud of its pride of Key Club Lions.

For information on volunteering with the Citizens' Committee to Protect the Elderly call, 498-8600, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Harvest some family fun at weekend fair

It's fantastic country-style fun for the whole family.

Mark your calendars for this weekend when Harvest Fair of Hampton Roads comes to Princess Anne Park.

Harvest Fair is a regional event that explores the deep agricultural heritage of the community and Commonwealth. Presented by the five South Hampton Roads cities of Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk and Virginia Beach, the event focuses on promoting youth, education, agriculture and commerce. The event will feature rides and games, daily music and entertainment, agriculture and horticulture exhibits, crafts, food, animals and more.

Princess Anne Park is located at 3799 Princess Anne Rd. at Cellar Door Way beside the GTE Virginia Beach Amphitheater.

Harvest Fair of Hampton Roads dates and times are:

■ Friday, Oct. 20, 4 p.m. to midnight.

■ Saturday, Oct. 21, 10 a.m. to midnight; and

■ Sunday, Oct. 22, 10 a.m. to midnight.

Admission gates close daily at 11 p.m.

An extravaganza of things to do and see features carnival rides and games, arts and crafts, horticulture, agriculture tent and fun barn, garden tractor pull, bull riding and

bull fighting, racing pigs, 4-H horse show and dog trials, helicopter rides, Hillbilly Bob, skyjumping, entertainment stage, nightly fireworks and much more.

More than 50 games and rides including a giant Ferris Wheel, Thunderbolt, 1001 Nachts Superloops, Kamikaze, Zipper, bumper cars, Merry-Go-Round, Lollipop Swing Ride and Kiddieland, an area designed with rides specifically suited for young children will be available for all to enjoy.

Numerous contests also will be held to determine the best pumpkin pie, the biggest squash, gourd and pumpkin, and the most creative vegetable art, just to name a few. Pets can join the fun as well, for there are contests to judge dog obedience and dog agility.

Students who compete and achieve in selected fair competitions can win scholarship points that can help to fund college or trade school educations.

Sponsors of this year's Harvest Fair include Southern States, Long John Silver's, Beach Ford, Marva Maid and Cox Communications.

Some of the event highlights offered this year include:

■ Carnival rides and games - Spin, twirl, bounce and enjoy dozens of rides on the incredible Midway, presented by Jolly Shows. Ride tickets available inside the fairgrounds.

■ Arts and crafts - Artisans and crafters from Hampton Roads and Virginia will be on hand to demonstrate, exhibit and sell their wares. From weaving to pottery making, people will marvel at the depth and scope of talents and creations on display.

■ Horticulture - Master Gardeners will be on site, along with a "Plant Doctor Booth." There will be several hands-on exhibits for children, such as peanut butter bird feeders. The Virginia Cooperative Extension is sponsoring a "Play With Your Food" Vegetable Art Contest and a "Biggest Squash/Gourd" Contest.

■ Agriculture tent and fun barn - Kids won't want to miss the chance to use an old-fashioned water pump, pet farm animals, milk the "fun cow," or play in the hay stack. They can climb through the soil tunnel or wander through the straw maze and identify corn, wheat and soybean while playing in the giant tractor-tire sandbox. Kids also can participate in the toy tractor races and the entire family will enjoy the haystacking races.

■ Garden tractor pull - This exciting event will occur at 11 a.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21 and 22, when the fast-paced competition takes places of a 250-foot clay track within the fairgrounds.

■ Bull riding - The four-day competition, produced by Gene and Donna Snow of Virginia Beach, will occur at 7 and 9 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 19-21 and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 22. Bleachers accommodating 3,000 people per show will be set up to watch the bulls, cowboys and clowns perform in the Princess Anne Park Rodeo Arena.

■ 4-H Horse Show and Agility Dog Trial - Trophies, ribbons and certificates will be awarded to 4-Hers. Horse show competitions are Saturday, Oct. 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the Agility Dog Trials are all day Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 21 and 22.

■ Helicopter rides - Take advantage of the unique opportunity to



HOW A-MOO-SING. Farm fun and a few bovine antics are on the agenda this weekend as the regional Harvest Fair comes to Princess Anne Park.

see the area from a helicopter at Harvest Fair. Ride tickets are available inside the fairgrounds.

■ Hillbilly Bob - Kids of all ages love this unique character and his Model-T "Ruthie." They'll travel the fairgrounds all four days with lots of follies and jollies.

■ Skyjumping - A thrilling skydiving performance will be featured on the opening day, Thursday, Oct. 19.

■ Entertainment - Free continuous entertainment will be featured on the Harvest Fair Stage inside the fairgrounds every day.

■ Heritage tent - Learn about Virginia's heritage from senior crafts located in each of the five participating southside cities, featuring quilters and spinners and much more.

■ Fireworks - Each night except Sunday will be capped off with a spectacular free fireworks exhibition.



CANINE TALENT. Border collie demonstrations will be featured during the weekend Harvest Fair at Princess Anne Park in Virginia Beach.

HARVEST FAIR STAGE SCHEDULE

When people come to Harvest Fair of Hampton Roads, they're going to enjoy four days of almost non-stop free activities on the Harvest Stage, located inside Princess Anne Park. The show schedule includes:

Thursday

5:30 p.m. Opening ceremony
7 p.m. Meghan Shanley - country music singer
8 p.m. Michael Young - country music singer

Friday

6 p.m. Jean Wallace Dancers
7 p.m. Meghan Shanley - country music singer
8 p.m. Michael Young - country music singer

Saturday

11 a.m. Krispy Kreme Doughnut decorating
Noon Virginia Rhythms, Ultimate Arts Studio
1 p.m. Ultimate Arts Kung Fu
2 p.m. The Rhythm of Ireland School of Irish Step Dancing
3 p.m. The Children's Academy for the Arts
4 p.m. Suffolk Peanut City Cloggers
5 p.m. Camille Crofton, Ed McMann's "Next Big Star" from StarSearch.
6 p.m. The Noodles
7 p.m. Meghan Shanley - country music singer
8 p.m. Michael Young - country music singer

Sunday

2 p.m. Janeda and the Jewels of the Nile
3 p.m. 4-H Steppers
4 p.m. Chelsea Darling - Little Miss Teen, Virginia Beach
5 p.m. Meghan Shanley - country music singer
6 p.m. Michael Young - country music singer

Rodeo fun at the fair

He will tickle your funny bone, shock your system and put you on the edge of your seat! Watch out Hampton Roads for Radical Ryan Rodriguez, the professional rodeo clown who is coming to Harvest Fair.

A bull riding competition produced by Gene and Donna Snow of Virginia Beach will occur at 7 and 9 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Radical Ryan Rodriguez will entertain the crowd by shocking and

surprising them with his wild acts. In addition, he always takes time for the youngsters in the audience and enjoys autographs, shaking hands and talking with the fans.

All featured daily entertainment is free with admission to Harvest Fair of Hampton Roads.

For more information call 496-9377 or visit, harvestfairva.com.

Say 'Oink!'

On your mark, get set, oink! When the Rosaire's Royal Racing Pigs arrive in town on Friday, expect to see the ultimate in pig racing. These athletes compete on a fully equipped \$80,000 all-aluminum track rigged with lights and sound.

Traveling in the extreme comfort of the Porcine Palace (a 45-foot self-contained trailer) nothing is too good for these "stars." At least 20 different breeds of pigs will compete in up to six shows a day.

The pig races are an audience participation sport. Squealing, snorting and yelling are encouraged. Winning pig rooters will receive prizes provided by Rosaire's Royal Racers.

The pig racing schedule is Friday 4:30, 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday's schedule is 10:30 a.m. and 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 6:30 and 8:30 p.m.

For additional information call 496-9377.

Mmm good

Combine hundreds of children with dozens and dozens of Krispy Kreme doughnuts and this year's Harvest Fair will be "tastier" than ever.

On Saturday Krispy Kreme will host a doughnut-decorating workshop from 11 a.m.-noon where children ages 12 and younger can dip, roll, sprinkle and ice their doughnut to perfection before eating their creations. Fifty dozen doughnuts, mountains of chocolate and sprinkles and hundreds of paper hats will be donated by Krispy Kreme.

Admission to the fun is \$5 for ages 13-59, \$4 for ages 6 to 12 and 60 and over. Children 5 and younger are free.

Treeriffic Trees

by Cynthia

Have a Treeriffic Wedding Reception with a Treeriffic Tree designed to radiate your gift area with color and flair. We provide trees for all occasions:

- Anniversaries
- Baby Showers
- Christmas

If you would like something unique, we would be happy to assist in making any occasion special.

Contact Cynthia
(757) 424-6651

LASKIN ROAD / ROUTE 58 CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

Location and Design Public Hearing

Hearing:

Wednesday, November 15, 2000 * 4:30pm. to 7:00pm. Virginia Beach Middle School located at 600 25th Street in the City of Virginia Beach

Purpose:

To provide you a chance, in an open forum, to review and discuss with Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) representatives preliminary plans for the proposed widening of Laskin Road (Route 58) from Republic Road to South Oriole Drive and the replacement of the existing bridge over Linkhorn Bay.

Review:

Maps, drawings, an environmental document and other data pertaining to the proposed project are available for review in the VDOT Hampton Roads District Office located at 1700 North Main Street in the City of Suffolk and in the VDOT Norfolk Residency Office located at 1992 South Military Highway in the City of Chesapeake.

Written Statements:

Oral statements will be taken at the hearing. Written statements and other exhibits relative to the proposed project may be submitted at the hearing or sent to the Department postmarked no later than 10 days after the hearing (November 25, 2000).

Right of Way:

Relocation assistance, right of way acquisition, together with tentative schedules and construction information will be discussed.

Special Assistance:

If you require special assistance to attend and participate in this meeting or need additional information please contact:

Norfolk Residency: 1-888-723-8393 (toll free)

Device for the Hearing Impaired (TDD): 1-800-307-4630



Virginia Department of Transportation

Project: 0058-134-F02, PE-101, RW-201, C-501, B-603

Federal Project STP-5403 ()

Rising country music star featured act

Aspiring national country music artist Meghan Shanley will dazzle the Harvest Fair crowd with performances on Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 5 p.m.

Shanley has been performing locally along the east coast for four years. She has hosted the USO Holiday Show at the Norfolk Naval Base for the past two years, and has also performed at numerous fairs and festivals across the region. This summer, Shanley performed in the International Riders of the Night show at Camp Pendleton, where she was a co-host and vocalist. Most recently, Shanley has been nominated for the Virginia Country Music Association's Female Vocalist of the Year Award.



Meghan Shanley

Another vocal sensation

Hold on to your saddles, country music fans. Michael Young, one of country music's newest sensations is headed to Harvest Fair.

Young will be performing at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 6 p.m. Sunday.

Entertaining all over the east coast, Young audiences have come to appreciate his enthusiastic live performances for their sound quality and for the connection he makes

with the crowd. Young is currently performing with the famous "Riders of the Night" which has performed at the Moscow Circus and the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, Georgia. His new single "Closest Thing to You" is scheduled for national release next month.

Young's daily performances are free with admission to Harvest Fair.



FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY. Harvest Festival events are designed to appeal to all ages.

AAA Corporate Center opens in Virginia Beach

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"For weeks, I've been watching the building as it was growing, and I never realized that it would be so tall and beautiful. It is a wonderful addition to Virginia Beach Boulevard here at the beach," Oberdorf said.

"We often say that this city is a great place to live and to do business. I am very proud to be here this morning.

She recalled her first driving experience.

"When I was growing up," she remembered, "you only had to be 15 to drive legally. So I went down to the office and finally got my license. Just after that, I found out that my family was headed to Florida for a vacation. I said to my mother, 'Mom, who's going to drive? You don't drive, and Daddy says he has to fly.' She said, 'Guess who?'"

The new corporate center will help the city's economy in all sorts of ways, explained AAA Vice President John D'Angelo.

"Since this project has been created, we have created approximately 20 to 25 new positions, but there will be new opportunities, because we have a huge potential for further growth," he said. "We are also opening another branch office in Newport News, which could offer at least another 20 to 25 jobs."

"We will be selling automobile, homeowners and life insurance. Not just to members, but to the general public as well," said Vice President of AAA Insurance Operations Tracy Slover.

"I think it's good to bring another insurance option to Virginia Beach, and we also hope to promote safety, particularly hurricane safety, to our members."

AAA Group Travel Manager Carol Limbrick led visitors on a tour of the huge building. "We are very proud of our emergency response center," she said, pointing out employees hard at work receiving emergency calls.

"It has the latest in emergency response software. It helps us pinpoint the location of emergencies and roadside problems, usually in a very short period of time. They are very in-tune with people, and what is going on out there. Last year, we responded to more than 100,000 calls."

Ormond explained why her organization chose the location. "If you put your finger on the center of the local area map, Virginia Beach is it," she said. "The convenience of this new location helps us to serve a greater population of our members. This is such an established area. This location is about dealing with our growth in and around Tidewater."



JUST A DAB. Oceana Naval Air Station's chili cookoff featured something for the kids too — face painting. Of course, a pumpkin for fall was the perfect adornment.

Photos by Jim DeAngelo

Cookoff seeks burning answer

kinds of beans, four kinds of meat, three types of peppers, two cans of beer and one can of corn."

A couple booths down, past the one where sombrero-wearing contestants were touting their chili as the best, Vince and Kathy Ortiz were passing out chili. Having won one award or another the previous four years, they knew what it took to win.

"Cut beef and fresh vegetables are the key," revealed Vince. "Home-grown peppers to be exact."

Wil Arte and his team believed heat to be the key. Their chili was so hot it was said to make folks cry in under 20 seconds.

"We make people run around and cry; it is that hot," confirmed Arte. "We got the gas masks on. We got the fire extinguisher, the water right here. We're having a lot of fun."

Most people, young and old, were having fun, including a sailor with a now-famous last name who remembered the USS Cole crew in his booth.

"We're thinking of them at our table," said Muhammed Cole, a first class mess management specialist stationed in Williamsburg.



FOR THE COLE. Chili cook-off contenders couldn't forget the USS Cole tragedy earlier in the week. The cook-off was one of several Fleet Week activities to commemorate the US Navy's 225th anniversary.

"We got a USS Cole coffee mug at our table to represent them."

"It's very nice for the Navy and folks to get together and have this family day and chili cook-off, especially with what happened. It's nice to be able to get together and have a good time, to see a few smiles,

to celebrate the Navy's birthday."

The next day, memorial services were held here and aboard the Cole, in Yemen. Then, more than 30 of the injured Cole crew arrived in Norfolk and were taken to Portsmouth Naval Hospital.

The healing continues.

Thousands pound pavement

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nothing better than to raise money for the American Heart Association," said Chesapeake resident Vicky Daniels. "We're all out here for the same reasons."

"The American Heart Association is a great organization to support," said Annette Johnson, also of Chesapeake. "I've met alot of nice people here today."

WVEC medical reporter Kathryn Barrett was the guest speaker for the event.

"As you all know, heart disease is our nation's number one killer," she told the crowd. "By coming out here today, you are saying that we are tired of it, and we are going to put a stop to it."

"This is a cause that is near and dear of my heart. It's not for any compelling reason," Barrett explained. "I haven't lost a family member to a heart attack or heart disease, but as a medical reporter, I've been doing stories for 10 years about how heart disease has killed so many people. I consider this event to be a small thing that I could do to make a difference."

The Norfolk State University Spartans, the fourth-ranked college band in America, was on hand to start the walk.

However, the band suffered a frightening moment when one of the members collapsed just before the walk started, complaining of chest pains.

"We are hoping and praying that he is alright," said Wendell Green, president of the school's Alumni Band Association.

Paramedics on the scene reported that the young man was taken to a nearby hospital, but could not comment further on his situation.

"Here at TCC, we train over 700 people annually in CPR and paramedic training. This is the first health walk that has been held here," said Dr. Deborah DiCroce, the university president.

"We could not be more pleased to serve as the host site, and we would welcome the opportunity as both an honor and a privilege to have this college designated as the permanent site for this wonderful, wonderful event. TCC belongs to South Hampton Roads, and this is a wonderful, glorious manifestation of that belonging."

However, the walk was not the only event for the day. A free CPR class was offered for those wishing to learn the technique, and other health concerns were addressed throughout.

For example, the First Colonial Road Target pharmacy screened passersby for breast cancer and did cholesterol checks.

"Cholesterol testing is a very painless procedure," explained Target representative Kristin Davis. "We make a pinprick in the finger, and take a few drops of blood. The testing process only takes about three minutes."

Fam Brinkley and other massage therapists helped walkers feel better after their exercise.

"From the cradle to the grave, everyone needs some form of massage therapy," Brinkley asserted, "because it benefits people physically, emotionally, and spiritually. It helps people feel relaxed, rejuvenated, and less fatigued."

Citizen input sought on Red Wing expansion

The Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation Commission will be developing recommendations on Red Wing Lake Municipal Golf Course's potential expansion and renovation during a special Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. This meeting is open to the general public. The recommendations developed at this meeting will be presented to Virginia Beach City Council on Nov. 7.

A meeting for citizen input is planned Monday at 6 p.m. in the School Board room, Building 6 at the Municipal Center.

In August, City Council requested that the Parks and Recreation Commission evaluate the proposal prepared by Arthur Hills and Associates for the renovation and expansion of Red Wing Lake Municipal Golf Course. The Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation Commission gathered feedback from approximately 70 citizens at a public

meeting held Oct. 4 at the Princess Anne Community Recreation Center. At that time, three renovation options were explored, and attendees were able to provide input on the plans. This feedback will help the Parks and Recreation Commissioners develop their recommendations on Monday. For more information about this special Parks and Recreation Commission meeting call Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation, 563-1100 (TDD: 471-5839).

The Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation Commission is a volunteer advisory group for City Council, city manager and the director of Parks and Recreation. They serve as a sounding board by holding public meetings to improve and expand recreational opportunities. Members are appointed by City Council for a three-year term.

'Designing for Sexes' host appears at CAC Nov. 8

Everyone knows that a man's home is his castle, but in size and scale, the homes of today are more castlelike than ever.

Join Michael Payne, Los Angeles designer and host of HGTV's "Designing for the Sexes," for "The Evolution of the American Home: When Is More Really More?" on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia.

Taking a cue from domestic themes in the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia's current exhibition, "Threshold: Invoking the Domestic in Contemporary Art," the charismatic Payne will explore exciting directions in architectural and interior design, what they say about our priorities and where they point for the future. Payne will ask "When is more really more?" he discusses good design and the efficient use of space; the creation of intimacy; changing lifestyles and their impact on home design, including home offices and multigenerational families; the commercial kitchen and mega bath in the domestic interior; the role of technology in the evolution of the American home; environmental awareness, the green home and more.

In the exhibition Threshold: Invoking the Domestic in Contemporary Art, 22 artists explore and

illustrate elements of home and shelter through sculpture, photography, video, painting and drawing. The exhibition is on view at the center through Nov. 26.

Admission to the Michael Payne lecture is \$10 for CAC members and \$12 for nonmembers. Advance reservations with payment may be made at the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia or by phone by calling 425-0000, ext. 29. Tickets will also be available at the door. Call 425-0000, ext. 29 for more information.

The Familiar Faces Concert Series at Virginia Wesleyan College will present Double Exposure in concert at 7 p.m. on Sunday in the Edward D. Hofheimer Theater on the campus.

English violinist Thomas Bowes and Jamaican pianist Eleanor Alberga, performing as Double Exposure, have received overwhelming audience and critical acclaim in the U.S., Great Britain and Asia. Their concerts span the great masterpieces as well as feature works by contemporary composers and offer humorous, informative spoken program notes during their concerts. The concert includes Elgar's "Sonata for Violin and Piano in e minor, P. 82," de Falla's "Suite Populaire Espagnol," Ravel's "Tzigane," plus contemporary composer Adam Gorb's "Sonata for Vi-

olin and Piano," and Alberga's "The Wild Blue Yonder."

Bowes has performed as soloist with the London Philharmonic and has achieved international recognition for his exhilarating work as soloist, chamber musician and director with the most important British ensembles. He has appeared at the BBC Proms and given frequent recitals at London's South Bank. He has been guest concert master with such conductors as Michael Tilson Thomas, Sir Georg Solti, Kent Nagano and Colin David and with such orchestras as the Royal Philharmonic, the London Symphony and the Scottish Chamber Orchestra.

Alberga's diverse musical background combines classical training with experience as a member of the internationally acclaimed Jamaican

Folk Singers and an authentic African dance company. A finalist in England's National Piano Competition, she has performed at the Royal Albert Hall, Queen Elizabeth Hall and Covent Garden. She was also the "ghost pianist" in the popular British film "Truly, Madly, Deeply." Alberga's music has been commissioned and performed by the London Philharmonic, London Mozart Players, London Chamber Symphony, European Women's Orchestra and the "Women in Music" inaugural festival. Her orchestral piece "Sun Warrior" received its acclaim U.S. premiere by the Women's Philharmonic in 1997.

Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$10 for students or senior citizens and may be reserved by calling, 455-2101.

Pumpkin crop disappointing, but tradition goes on

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Visitors on that day will have a chance to throw pumpkins for prizes at that event, which is sponsored by the Friends of the Ferry Plantation House.

The annual fund-raiser, which is held to raise money to restore the colonial plantation, will include hayrides, a Civil War encampment, and food, including Brunswick stew and pumpkin pie. Ferry Plantation is the site where the unfortunate Grace Sherwood was tried for witchcraft, and contemporary interpreters will tell her side of the story at the pumpkin fling. Contestants will also get the chance to smash pumpkins with mallets.

In the meantime, there's still plenty of time to pick out a Halloween pumpkin, and mini-pumpkins, Indian corn, wheat straw and cornstalks are also available at Henley Farm for decorating. The wet weather ruined most of the fall vegetables, Henley said, but there are plenty of decorative items "and we'll have a few collards later on."

Betty Strawhand, who works at Henley Farm, also prepares and sells jellies, salsa, and pepper vinegars for sale at the farm. Strawhand, whose homemade goodies bear the name "Ms. Betty," refers to herself as a cook "from the old country." She advises that the type of pumpkin you want to buy depends a lot on whether you want it for cooking or carving.

Smaller pumpkins are better for cooking, she said, because "they're not so stringy."

She suggests cutting the pulp from the rind, then parboiling it, "mashing it up, put a little cinnamon, a little milk, and a little sugar on it, put it in the oven and bake it." If you're not sure whether you have the right amount of sugar or cinnamon, sniff it or taste test it. Properly prepared pumpkin should smell sweet and slightly spicy.

"I'm from the old country, and I cook a lot by smells," she said. People also roast the pumpkin seeds to use as snacks, she added.

"You can scrape the seeds out and bake them, and you can also sprinkle cinnamon on them," she said.



PUMPKIN SMILES. Taylor Fry of Virginia Beach enjoys visiting Henley Farm to see the pumpkins, but she always remembers to bring a dog biscuit too for the farm dog.

Photo by Laura Powers



Michael Payne

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Virginia Beach Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, November 8, 2000 at 12:00 Noon in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Princess Anne Courthouse Virginia Beach, Virginia. A briefing session will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall Building. PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION IS NOT A FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION, BUT ONLY A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL AS THE VIEWPOINT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION. FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION IS TO BE MADE BY CITY COUNCIL AT A LATER DATE, AFTER PUBLIC NOTICE IN A NEWSPAPER HAVING GENERAL CIRCULATION WITHIN THE CITY.

THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE PUBLIC HEARING SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT, FOR REASONS THE PLANNING COMMISSION DEEMS APPROPRIATE, CERTAIN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA MAY BE HEARD OUT OF ORDER AND THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE ASSUMED THAT THE ORDER LISTED BELOW WILL BE EXACTLY FOLLOWED DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING.

The staff reviews of some or all of the items on this agenda suggest that certain conditions be attached to approval by City Council. However, it should not be assumed that those conditions constitute all of the conditions that will ultimately be attached to the project. Staff agencies may impose further conditions and requirements during administration of applicable city ordinances.

SUBDIVISION VARIANCE:

1. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Ronald and Elizabeth A. Koebler. Property is located at 1601 Nantux Creek Road (GPIN #2145-55-8546). DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE

2. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Rochelle Carpenter. Property is located at 4172 Gum Bridge Court (GPIN #2411-22-1683). DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE

3. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Rigan, to L.L.C. Property is located on the south side of Sandbridge Road 3400 feet more or less east of Princess Anne Road (GPIN #2413-59-9454). DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

4. An Ordinance upon Application of Rigan, L.L.C., for a Change of Zoning District Classification on the following parcels:

Parcel 1: From AG-1 and AG-2 Agricultural District to Conditional R-20 Residential District on certain property located on the south side of Sandbridge Road, 3400 feet more or less east of Princess Anne Road. Said parcel contains 116.70 acres.

Parcel 2: From AG-1 and AG-2 Agricultural District to Conditional P-1 Preservation District on certain property located on the south side of Sandbridge Road, 3400 feet more or less east of Princess Anne Road. Said parcel contains 150.20 acres.

Parcel 3: From AG-1 and AG-2 Agricultural District to Conditional B-1A Limited Community Business District on certain property located 1900 feet more or less south of the intersection of Sandbridge Road and Entrance Drive. Said parcel contains 9.10 acres. (GPIN #2413-59-9454).

The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional R-20 is for single family residential land use on lots no less than 20,000 square feet. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional P-1 is for open space and recreation land use. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-1A is for limited neighborhood commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for appropriate growth opportunities, consistent with the economic vitality policies of Virginia Beach in accordance with other Plan policies. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

5. An Ordinance upon Application of Rigan, L.L.C., for a Conditional Use Permit for an Open Space Promotion on certain property located on the south side of Sandbridge Road beginning at a

point 3400 feet more or less east of Princess Anne Road (GPIN #2413-59-9454). Said parcel contains 116.70 acres more or less. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE

6. An Ordinance upon Application of Rigan, L.L.C., for a Conditional Use Permit for recreational and amusement facilities of an outdoor nature (equestrian) on certain property beginning at a point 1900 feet more or less south of the intersection of Sandbridge Road and Entrance Drive. (GPIN #2413-59-9454). Said parcel contains 9.10 acres more or less. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

7. An Ordinance upon Application of Dragas Associates VIII, L.L.C., a Virginia limited liability corporation, for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-5D Residential Duplex District to Conditional A-12 Apartment District on certain property located on the west side of Kempville Road, beginning at a point 1300 feet more or less south of Monument Drive (GPIN #1455-50-2073). The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional A-12 is for Multi-family land use at a density no greater than 12 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for open space/parkland use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 20.931 acres. DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE

8. An Ordinance upon Application of the Runnymede Corporation for a Change of Zoning District Classification on the following parcels:

Parcel 1: From B-2 Community Business District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on the South side of Senara Way beginning at a point 330 feet more or less west of S. Rosemont Road.

Parcel 2: From R-7.5 Residential District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on the south side of South Boulevard beginning at a point 530 feet more or less west of S. Rosemont Road.

The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of these parcels for suburban residential/low density for the R-7.5 site and commercial uses for the B-2 site in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcels contain 5.5 acres. DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL

9. An Ordinance upon Application of Regent University for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-5D Residential Duplex District to O-2 Office District on property located on the west side of Centerville Turnpike, south of Indian River Road. The proposed zoning change to O-2 is for office land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban residential with medium and high densities that are compatible with single family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 9.432 acres. DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSVILLE

10. An Ordinance upon Application of Wawa, Inc., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from B-2 Community Business District and I-1 Light Industrial District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on the following parcels:

Parcel 1: From B-2 to Conditional B-2 at the southwest intersection of Virginia Beach Boulevard and Parker Lane.

Parcel 2: From I-1 to Conditional B-2 on the west side of Parker Lane beginning at a point 150 feet more or less south of Virginia Beach Boulevard (GPIN #1497-74-9817; #1497-74-9731; #1477-84-0956). The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of these parcels for commercial use for the B-2 site and industrial use for the I-1 site in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcels contain 2.95 acres more or less. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

11. An Ordinance upon Application of Wawa, Inc., a Pennsylvania Corporation for a Conditional Use Permit for automobile services (fuel sales) in conjunction with a convenience store on certain property located at the southwest intersection of Virginia Beach Boulevard and Parker Lane. (GPIN #1476-74-2221; #1466-74-0341; #1466-73-1984; #1466-73-0988; #1466-73-1813; #1466-63-9898). Said parcel is located at 5132 Bellamy Manor Drive and contains 41.598 square feet. DISTRICT 3 - LYNNHAVEN

12. An Ordinance upon Application of Suburban Christian Church for a Conditional Use Permit for a church on the northwest and southwest corners of Bellamy Manor Drive and Meighan Drive (GPIN #1466-74-2221; #1466-74-0341; #1466-73-1984; #1466-73-0988; #1466-73-1813; #1466-63-9898). Said parcel is located at 5132 Bellamy Manor Drive and contains 41.598 square feet. DISTRICT 3 - LYNNHAVEN

3.328 acres. DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSVILLE

13. An Ordinance upon Application of TALC/Newton Associates for a Conditional Use Permit for a self-storage facility on the north side of Newtown Road, 320 feet more or less west of Broad Meadows Boulevard (GPIN #1468-63-4020). Said parcel is located at 909 Newtown Road and contains 29,620.8 square feet more or less. DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE

14. An Ordinance upon Application of Z-Mark, LLC for a Conditional Use Permit for fuel sales in conjunction with a convenience store on the east side of Independence Boulevard, 200 feet north of Honeygrove Road (GPIN #1478-55-0965). Said parcel is located at 1014 Independence Boulevard and contains 33.541 square feet. DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE

15. An Ordinance upon Application of the Home Depot, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a bulk storage yard on the north side of Virginia Beach Boulevard, west of King Richard Drive (GPIN #1487-85-1650). Said parcel is located at 3352 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 12.64 acres. DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN

16. An Ordinance upon Application of Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities for a Conditional Use Permit for a private museum on the south side of Wisheart Road, west of Ballkewick Drive (GPIN #1478-76-0565; #1478-76-0261; #1478-76-2228). Said parcel is located at 4405 Wisheart Road and contains 4.9 acres. DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE

17. An Ordinance upon Application of Griswold, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a miniature golf course, bicycle rentals, amusements, and a concessionaire snack bar at the southeast corner of Pacific Avenue and 22nd Street (GPIN #2427-18-3704; #2427-18-2753; #2427-18-2702). Said parcel is located at 2109 Pacific Avenue and contains 21,780 square feet. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH

18. An Ordinance upon Application of SBA Communications Corporation/C.E. Forehand, III, for a Conditional Use Permit for a communications tower on property located on the north side of Princess Anne Road beginning at a point 3850 feet more or less east of Landing Road (GPIN #2317-57-8720). Said parcel contains 50 acres more or less. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE

19. An Ordinance upon Application of Mary and Thomas Stewart for a Conditional Use Permit for riding academy, horses for hire or boarding on the north side of Shirley Landing Drive, 650 feet more or less east of Blackwater Road (GPIN #1398-32-6447). Said parcel contains 20.3321 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE

AMENDMENT

20. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, to amend the Comprehensive Plan pertaining to the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act and Floodplains.

DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 10/11/00.

21. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for William E. & Dorothy L. Pearson. Property is located at the southern terminus of Bridlepath Lane (GPIN #1483-81-5563). DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE

22. An Ordinance upon Application of Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust for a Conditional Use Permit for an automobile service establishment on certain property located on the east side of Newstead Drive beginning at a point 500 feet more or less north of Princess Anne Road (GPIN #2414-25-6765). Said parcel contains 18.508 acres. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH

23. An Ordinance upon Application of 7-Eleven, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for automobile services (fuel sales) in conjunction with a convenience store on property located at the southwest corner of Salem Road and Elbow Road (GPIN #1474-87-9770). Said parcel contains 1.05 acres. DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE

24. An Ordinance upon Application of Wycliffe Presbyterian Church for a Conditional Use Permit for a church addition at the southwest corner of N. Great Neck Road and Millwood Road (GPIN #2408-09-8544; #2408-09-8206; #2408-09-9021). Said parcel is located at 1445 N. Great Neck Road and contains 8.31 acres. DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN

25. An Ordinance upon Application of Sair Enterprises, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for an automobile service station in conjunction with a convenience store, automotive repair and automotive storage at the northwest corner of S. Lynnhaven Road and Silina Drive (GPIN #1497-10-7039). Said parcel is located at 3096 S. Lynnhaven Road and contains 41,598 square feet. DISTRICT 3 - LYNNHAVEN

- ROSE HALL

26. An Ordinance upon Application of Truckcenter of Tidewater, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a bulk storage yard on the east side of South Military Highway, north of Alexandria Avenue (GPIN #1456-27-9020). Said parcel is located at 728 S. Military Highway and contains 20,037.6 square feet. DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE

DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 7/12/00

27. An Ordinance upon Application of Jay Barot for a Change of Zoning District Classification from B-2 Community Business District, O-2 Office District and I-1 Light Industrial District to Conditional I-1 Light Industrial District on certain property located at the northwest corner of Northampton Boulevard and Burton Station Road (GPIN #1458-98-0856; #1458-99-0194). The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional I-1 is for light industrial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for business parks, offices, industrial and employment support uses in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 2.1 acres. DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE

28. An Ordinance upon Application of Jay Barot for a Conditional Use Permit for a hotel on certain property located on the north side of Burton Station Road beginning at a point 200 feet more or less west of Northampton Boulevard (GPIN #1458-98-0856; #1458-99-0194). Said parcel contains 2.1 acres. DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Robert J. Scott
Planning Director

Copies of the proposed ordinances, resolutions and amendments are on file and may be examined in the Department of Planning. For information call 427-4621.

If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE at 427-4303. Hearing impaired, call: TDD only at 427-4305. (TDD - Telephonic Device for the Deaf).

The Planning Commission Agenda is available on the City's Internet Home Page on the Thursday prior to each regularly-scheduled meeting at www.virginia-beach.va.us/cityhall/dept/Boards/p/agendas.htm

from Allen D. Blalock and Ruth S. Blalock dated March 20, 1998 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3862, page 279, securing a loan which was originally \$135,650.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on November 3, 2000 at 8:00 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 29, as shown on that certain plat entitled, "Replat of Glenwood, Phase 5, C, Section 2, Kempville Borough, Virginia Beach, Virginia". Tax Map #1474-29-6303-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$13,200.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustee
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
521 Cedar Lane
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Donald E. Berry and Penny L. Berry dated October 2, 1997 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3799, page 564, securing a loan which was originally \$252,000.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on October 27, 2000 at 8:01 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Beginning at a point on the western side of Cedar Lane (as shown on plat made by Frank D. Tarrall, Jr., and Associates formerly Princess Anne County, in Map Book 23, at page 6) Tax Map #1477-78-7412-0000

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$24,900.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: Conventional

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustee
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE OF
5802 West Hastings Arch
Virginia Beach, VA 23462

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$60,000.00, with an annual interest rate of 11.0% dated August 29, 1999, recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach, VA in Deed Book 4145 at Page 2154, default having

been made in the payment of the debt secured and requested by the Note Holder to do so, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction the property known as 5802 West Hastings Arch and aka Lot 45, Site 3 on that certain plat entitled "Subdivision of Lake Edward West, Section 3 Bayside Borough, Virginia Beach, VA and described in the above Deed of Trust. This sale will take place on Monday, Oct. 23, 2000 at 9:00 A.M. at the front entrance of the Virginia Beach Circuit Courthouse, 2305 Judicial Blvd., Building 10, Virginia Beach, VA. A deposit of 10% will be required of any bidder at the time of sale. Closing within 15 days of sale. Additional terms may be announced at sale.

For Information Contact:
Stephen H. Ashley, Substitute Trustee, 6644 Stony Point Drive, Norfolk, VA 23502, (757) 461-0664.

Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
2324 Londeale Ct.
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Richard F. Minney and Irma Minney dated December 30, 1997 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3830, page 1040, and re-recorded in Deed Book 4287, page 17 securing a loan which was originally \$125,300.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on October 27, 2000 at 8:02 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 183, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Subdivision of Glenwood, Phase 3, Kempville Borough, Virginia Beach, Virginia". Tax Map # 1474-59-2882-0000

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$12,300.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: FHA.

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Skating club pros pass national exams

Recently, three local Tidewater Figure Skating Club coaching professionals passed several national rating exams administered by the Professional Skaters Association (PSA). The organization is comprised of teaching and performing skating professionals and provides and promotes the education and certification of figure skating coaches.

Its rating system validates a coaching professional's skating skill and teaching experience, and is recognized by management, peers and students around the world. PSA ratings are assurance to clubs, rinks and the general public that skating professionals are qualified to instruct at the level they are rated regardless of their background and achievement in skating.

Ratings are offered in all disciplines including figures, freestyle (jumping, spinning), pairs, dance, group, team and choreography and include four divisions (Registered, Certified, Senior and Master).

Coach Amy Caldwell passed her Registered Dance Rating, the first in four distinctions. A figure skating professional for more than 10 years, she continues to be a competitive and testing skater today. Caldwell coaches students of all ages at ARC IceSports in Chesapeake and coordinates the coaching staff for the area's Special Olympic ice skaters.

In addition, the Virginia Beach residents' full-time pre-K teacher at Chesterfield Academy in the Norfolk Public Schools.

Coach Laurie Carotenuto passed her Registered Moves-in-the-Field Rating, the first in four distinctions, and Registered Freestyle, the first in two distinctions. She has been coaching for 12 years and is currently the Learn To Skate Director for ARC IceSports in Chesapeake. She lives in Chesapeake with her husband, daughter and

son.

Coach Jill Stewart passed her Senior Freestyle Rating, the third of four distinctions, and her Registered Moves-in-the-Field Rating, the first in four distinctions. With the Freestyle rating, she can now officially mentor other coaches. In teaching for more than 15 years, Stewart is currently the Skating Director at ARC IceSports in Chesapeake. She resides in Chesapeake with her husband and two daughters.

"More and more coaches are accepting the challenge of validating their knowledge through rating examinations," says Jan Tremor, ratings chair for the Professional Skaters Association. "It is vital for coaches to become a part of the PSA's credential system." Additionally, ratings increase the credibility of a professional's resume and signify that a pro has taken the enormous amounts of time and effort to validate their teaching credentials.

Oral rating exams are given by a panel of three Masters Rated (highest rated within that specific discipline) professionals several times a year throughout the country at PSA approved events. During an oral exam, questions on background, theory, technique and ethics are asked. The examinee is encouraged to give short, concise answers and may stand up to demonstrate if they wish.

The Tidewater Figure Skating Club provides educational opportunities, test sessions and competitive events fostering the advancement of its members of all ages and skill levels in the sport of competitive figure skating.

Formed in 1974, the organization hosts more than 75 members and is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit group. For more information call, 420-0289.

Hardin receives WCAI Leadership Eagle Award

T. Lauriston Hardin received the Wireless Communications Association International's (WCAI) Golden Eagle Award in recognition of continuing leadership within the association and the wireless industry. The Golden Eagle award is the highest honor the association bestows on its members.

Hardin founded and chaired Hardin and Association Inc., an engineering consulting firm headquartered in Virginia Beach. After its sale, this spring to MSI he continues as director for global business development.

His award recognized his service as WCAI engineering committee chairman from 1997 to last November during a crucial period of advancements in two-way MMDs and other fixed broadband wireless access technology in multiple bands.

"The Engineering Committee," commented the WCAI's President Andrew Kreig, "responsibly addressed the complex regulatory challenges to the industry during this period, whereby licensees and manufacturers required group action — often on short notice — to protect the value of spectrum and enhance op-

portunities in new ways."

Hardin is co-author of the "Petition for Rulemaking on the Use of Two-Way Transmissions in MDS and ITFS" that successfully petitioned the FCC to amend its rules to permit two-way wireless broadband services in the 2.1 to 2.7 GHz frequency range. He was also part of the task force that authored the successful "Petition for Declaratory Ruling for Digital Operations in Wireless Cable." An internationally recognized expert in the field of wireless telecommunications, Hardin is a featured speaker at both domestic and international symposiums and trade conventions.

Hardin's professional affiliations include board member of the WCAI, board member of the National ITFS Association and member of the Managing Committee of BWA. Hardin is a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE), Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), and the Association of Federal Communications Consulting Engineers (AFCEE). In addition Hardin is on the editorial board for *Wireless International Magazine*.

VBDA elects officers

The Virginia Beach Development Authority announces its newly-elected officers effective immediately.

They are Robert G. Jones, chair; Kenneth D. Baroford, vice chair; Robert F. Hagans, secretary; W. Brantley Basnight III, assistant secretary; and Robert E. Festness, treasurer.

Jones is an attorney and partner with the law firm of Jones Marani Russo Walker and Spencer, P.C., and a former mayor of Virginia Beach.

Baroford is managing broker of William E. Woods and Associates of Chesapeake.

Hagans is an attorney with his law firm, The Law Office of Robert F. Hagans.

Basnight is an attorney and partner with the firm of Wolcott Rivers Wheary Basnight and Kelly, P.C.

Festness is a retired banker and former vice mayor of Virginia Beach.

The city of Virginia Beach Development Authority exists to facilitate the expansion of the city's tax base through increased business investment and to create employment opportunities for the citizens of Virginia Beach.

LIBRARY NOTES

■ The Virginia Beach Genealogical Society will provide two tours designed to teach participants the basics of genealogical research and to provide information about the library's genealogical resources. Dates are Thursday, Nov. 2, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., and Thursday, Dec. 7, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Participation is limited to 15 adults. Register in person at the Central Library Administration Office or by phone, 437-6450.

■ "Miss Kim" of the Pungo-Blackwater Library (916 Princess Anne Rd.) will present storytime programs with stories, songs, fingerplays and more for children aged 3 to 5 Thursdays, Nov. 2, 9 and 16 at 10:30 a.m. No registration is required. For further information call, 426-5194.

November exhibits at the Central Library, 4100 Virginia Beach Blvd., include:

■ Nov. 2-31, kirigami, origami, paper cutting and folding. First Floor Exhibit Cases.

■ Nov. 1-16, American Indian Heritage Month, presented by the Central Library staff. Second floor young adult area.

■ Nov. 1-31, artwork by Mary Miller and Jan Barco, Central Library Gallery.

■ Nov. 6-17, American Indian Heritage Museum exhibit, display of literature on local Native American activities, groups and resources, first floor exhibit area.

■ Nov. 16-30, Atlantic Wildfowl Heritage Museum, cultural heritage exhibit representing the early history of the Virginia Beach oceanfront and the historical site, de Witt Cottage, first floor exhibit cases.

For further information call the Central Library administration office, 437-6450.

■ In celebration of Children's Book Week, Nov. 13-19, author and teacher Alice Wakefield will demonstrate to parents and child care providers how to make games based on children's favorite stories Thursday, Nov. 16 at the Bayside Area Library, 936 Independence Blvd. Call 460-7518 to register beginning Nov. 1 and ending when full. Participation is limited to 30.

ARE CALENDAR

The Association for Research and Enlightenment (ARE) announces its schedule of free lectures for the week of Oct. 22-28:

■ Sunday, Oct. 22 - "Prophecies and Earth Changes" by Jim Smith.

■ Monday, Oct. 23 - "Intuition" by Frances Ellen Worrell.

■ Tuesday, Oct. 24 - "Health, Healing and Diet" by Whitney Foster.

■ Wednesday, Oct. 25 - "Relationships" by Celina Maris.

■ Thursday, Oct. 26 - "Ideals" by Frances Ellen Worrell.

■ Friday, Oct. 27 - "Reincarnation" by Grace Yuck.

■ Saturday, Oct. 28 - "The Soul" by Walene James.

All lectures are held at 3:30 p.m. at the ARE Visitor Center, 6700 Atlantic Avenue. Call 428-3588, ext. 7265 for more information.

Howling fun!

Enjoy an exciting, safe and non-scary alternative to traditional Halloween trick-or-treating.

The Virginia Marine Science Museum will host Museum Monster Madness, an annual Halloween extravaganza filled with storytelling, crafts, games, concession food and surprises.

This event for the entire family will take place on Friday, Oct. 27 from 6 to 9 p.m. in the museum's Owls Creek Marsh Pavilion.

Children and adults are encouraged to dress up in costume and have a howling good time filled with friendly fun activities for the entire family including:

- A visit to Fangs!, a Creepy Crawly Room Discovery Room exhibit.
- Listening to stories highlighting our creature features;
- Munching on a light meal or snack from the Osprey Cafe Concession Food Cart;
- Taking a night trail hike; and
- Creating creepy crafty creations.

Pre-registration is not required, but does speed your check-in. The cost of the event is \$4 for museum members and \$6 for non-members. Children must be accompanied by a paying adult. There is no charge for children under the age of 2. Call 437-6007 for more information.

Sink your fangs into this new exhibition

"Science with a bite — that's what the adventurers can expect at "Fangs!", the Virginia Marine Science Museum Creepy Crawly Discovery Room exhibit running through Dec. 1.

This year marks the fifth annual Creepy Crawly Room exhibit located in the museum's Owls Creek Marsh Pavilion. The exhibit is free with museum admission and open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

An Ecuadorian brown velvet tarantula, an American alligator, a gila monster from the Southwestern United States and an Amazon giant handed centipede are among the dozen fanged live animal species that will be featured in Fangs! at the Owls Creek Marsh Pavilion. Fangs! Facts displayed with each remarkable creature are sure to dazzle visitors as they learn how the animals are armed with deadly dentures to protect themselves, find food and seek shelter. Ragged rows of razor-sharp teeth,

powerful jaws and paralyzing venom pumped into prey are just a few of the ways that some of these most successful predators survive.

"Fangs-on" activities and creepy critter encounters will illustrate the difference between fangs and teeth and compare poison and venom. An interactive rattlesnake exhibit will even deliver a quick retractable bite to visitors who dare to feel Fangs! Ever wonder what it would be like to be an Egyptian fruit bat always hanging around upside-down?

The Creepy Crawly Room offers some insight into this "batty" world with its upside-down doll house. Kids can even spin their own silky web like their "fanged friend" on exhibit in "Fangs!", the King Baboon Tarantula, by making a webbed beverage coaster to take home.

For more information call, 425-FISH or visit www.vmsm.com.

Family Fest 'House Party' planned at CAC

Families can "play house" at the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia on Sunday, Oct. 29 from 2 to 4 p.m.

The Family Fest House Party will celebrate Halloween and the center's current art exhibition, Threshold: Invoking the Domestic in Contemporary Art. The exhibition explores the theme of home and shelter through sculpture, photography, painting, drawing and video by 22 contemporary artists.

The House Party will include a treasure hunt, make-it-take-it activities, refreshments and a singing concert in the gallery by Amy Ferabee and Steve Snyder at 3:15 p.m. The event is free and

open to the public. The Family Fest series is sponsored by the Virginia Commission for the Arts.

Since its founding in 1952, the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia has brought the significant art of our time to Hampton Roads. Through regularly changing exhibitions by national and international artists, the center explores contemporary culture and brings it to life through educational programming and special events. It is open to the public Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. Call 425-0000 for more information, or visit the center's web site, www.cacv.org.

Sun Wheelers hosting tourney this weekend

The Virginia Beach Department of Recreation's Therapeutic Unit and Sun Wheeler Sports will host the 23rd annual Virginia Beach Mayor's Invitational Wheelchair Basketball Tournament Saturday and Sunday at Princess Anne Recreation Center.

Many of the nation's best teams and individual wheelchair athletes will converge on Hampton Roads to try and upset the number 10 ranked Sun Wheelers in this weekend long season opener.

Sun Wheeler Sports are celebrating 21 years of excellence in

wheelchair sports. The basketball team won the National Wheelchair Basketball Association (NWBA) National Championships in 1999.

Last year saw the team's post-season finish cut short by an upset from Austin Wreckers in Birmingham, Ala. The "Wheelers are looking forward to regaining their top national ranking and look to kick off their home season games this coming weekend.

To learn more about Sun Wheeler Wheelchair Basketball and regular season play contact Jody Shifflet, 434-0203.

Teams forming for 2000 Jingle Bell Run/Walk

The Arthritis Foundation announces the Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis presented by Verizon on Nov. 18. Come jingle with the Norfolk Botanical Garden and run or walk through the Garden of Lights.

Recruit five friends and family members to form a team and contact the Arthritis Foundation about great team awards and new fundraising incentive. Runners and walkers of all levels and ages will participate in the 5K Run/3K Walk (and for under 10 years old) Santa Chase. There is fun for the whole family. YMCA Childcare is available for Santa Chase participants who are poty trained. Entry fee is \$25 per individual (\$10 per child in Santa Chase) and there are additional

fundraising prizes for raising more money.

Recruit teammates and call the Arthritis Foundation to register, 456-1119, or stop by a local Pharm to pick up a brochure.

All proceeds will go towards supporting research to find a cure for and prevention of arthritis and to improve the quality of life for the one million Virginians affected by arthritis. For arthritis information, call the toll-free Arthritis Foundation Information Line, 1-800-283-7800, or visit the foundation's web site at www.arthritis.org.

This race is sponsored by Pharm, Verizon, WCMS, Household Credit Services, Amtrak, Old Country Buffet, Tidewater Striders and Norfolk Botanical Garden.

Essential 'baby talk'

Are you pregnant or planning to start a family in the near future?

Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital will sponsor a Baby Talk Lecture on Monday, Oct. 30 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Princess Anne Recreation Center, Rooms 1 and 2, 1400 Ferrell Pkwy. These lectures are free of charge and are geared toward women who are newly pregnant or are considering pregnancy in the near future.

Speakers and topics, with time for questions, include:

■ Dr. E. Franklin Roberts, obstetrics and gynecology, "Preparing for Pregnancy."

■ Dr. Steven Warof, perinatologist, "High-risk pregnancy."

■ Dr. Jill Flood, reproductive endocrinology, "Infertility."

■ Registered Lenore Giovannelli, "Labor and Delivery Options at SVBGH."

Refreshments and door prizes will be provided. To register or for more information call, 1-800-SENTARA.

Benefit card party scheduled

The Ocean Park Woman's Club will hold its annual benefit card party and luncheon Nov. 2 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Baylake United Methodist Church, 4300 Shore Dr. A bake sale, door prizes, a silent auction and craft items will also be available. For ticket information call, 460-7892.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

■ Pembroke Meadows Elementary School's Debbie Gordon, a PALs teacher, has been selected as Reading Teacher of the Year.

■ Pembroke Meadows Elementary School recently selected a team of 58 student hosts to assist new students arriving throughout the school year. A girl and a boy from each classroom were chosen. They explain the school rules, introduce new students to teachers and administrators, eat lunch with them and help them become familiar with Pembroke Meadows routines. The student hosts program is sponsored by Frances Wiedeman, guidance counselor.

■ Red Mill Elementary School PTA will present "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere" program for students in grades 3, 4 and 5 to be held 9 a.m. in the school cafeteria on Monday, Oct. 23.

■ Red Mill Elementary School Decorated Dolphin Awards will be given to students with outstanding citizenship Thursday, Oct. 26 at 8:15 a.m. in the cafeteria.

■ Residents from Sentara Village will visit Arrowhead Elementary Nov. 14 at 10 a.m. on Community Awareness Day, to read to the students of several classes. Sentara is one of the school's Partners in Education.

■ Arrowhead Elementary has implemented a new program for the school's cafeteria. The program, titled Good Cafeteria Behavior Shines Through, looks for good cafeteria behavior during lunch. Grades recognized for good behavior will have their class names announced on the Tuesday morning announcements and displayed on a host by the lighthouse display in the cafeteria. When classes accumulate a certain number of points they may earn an ice cream party or a class voucher.

■ The students and staff of Green Run Elementary will celebrate National Red Ribbon (Drug Awareness) Week (Oct. 23-31) by wearing red ribbons. "Red Ribbon Hat Day" will be held Oct. 31.

■ The Green Run Elementary School will be selling Harvestgrams (message and candy) for 50 cents each. The grams will be sold from Oct. 23-27. The proceeds from these sales will sponsor an Angel Tree recipient during the winter holidays.

■ The Green Run Elementary Parent Involvement Committee Dance will sponsor a costume dance Friday, Oct. 27 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

■ Creeds Elementary School SCA sponsored two fundraisers for the United Way. First for a quarter, the students made a guess at how many pieces of candy corn were in a mason jar. The winners was Dilon Destradore guessing 402 pieces. Also for a quarter, the students bought a chance to dine with the principal and assistant principal at Pungo Pizza. The winners were Annie Reiner, Lauren Robinson, Mary Beth Moody and Ashley Bell.

RELIGIOUS BRIEFS

■ Sounds of Joy, an all-volunteer chorale of more than 30 voices, will present a free concert of Broadway, religious and patriotic music at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5 in the sanctuary of Lynnhaven Colony Congregational Church, 2217 W. Great Neck Rd. For information contact the church, 481-7674.

■ The exercise group of the Lynnhaven Colony Congregational Church has reorganized as a walking group. Participants meet at the Community Center, 2217 West Great Neck Rd. at 8:45 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Walking takes place out-of-doors, weather permitting, until 10:15 a.m. Anyone interested in walking with the group can simply show up. Contact the church, 481-7674, for more details.

■ An evening praise worship service will be presented at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19 in the sanctuary of the Lynnhaven Colony Congregational Church, 2217 W. Great Neck Rd. The music will be led by Grace, the praise and worship team of Charity United Methodist Church in Pungo. The service will include a variety of contemporary, upbeat and soft religious music. Grace includes Dan Festness on guitar, Ed Rountree on drums, Nancy Vaughan on keyboard, Brian Holmes on bass guitar, Josie Buni as lead singer, Kelly Vaughan and Craig Dudley as support singers. A love offering will be received. For information call the church, 481-7674.

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Crackdown on 'red runners'

Third Precinct program takes aim at signal's blatant disregarders

By Victoria Hecht
Editor

It's just before noon, and Officer Phil Primeaux is ready for the lunch rush. Not the kind that has office workers hurriedly wolfing down sandwiches and burgers at local eateries before scurrying back to their desks.

Rather, Primeaux has his squad car positioned just south of the Virginia Beach/Independence Boulevard intersection.

He's waiting. Any minute now he knows someone from the "lunch rush crowd" will come blazing through a red light.

He's not looking for the drivers who barely miss the yellow signal.

Primeaux and other officers are looking for the blatant offenders — the

ones who whiz on though long after the yellow warning light has changed to red.

Sometimes it's three, four or even five cars who throw caution to the wind.

This Thursday afternoon, however, not all of them are going to get lucky. Several drivers' failure to heed the traffic light will earn them a summons to court.

The Virginia Beach Police Department's latest traffic enforcement weapon is DARTS (Detect and Arrest Through Traffic Surveillance), a Third Precinct initiative.

The program was developed earlier

□ See CRACKDOWN, Page 6



Photo by Victoria Hecht

RUNNING THE RED DOESN'T PAY. Officer Phil Primeaux issues a summons to a motorist for running a red light at the intersection of Independence/Virginia Beach Boulevard. A new program launched by the Third Precinct is tackling the problem.

'Waterways' opens

Award-winning Boardwalk artist Gray S. Dodson returns to the Beach with an exhibit in the Lower Gallery of The Old Coast Guard Station. Gray is a landscape painter and former Virginia Beach resident who now lives in Nelson County. She has been a fellow at the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts and was a recipient of a 1999-2000 Individual Artist Fellowship from the Virginia Commission for the Arts.

"Waterways" opens Friday, Nov. 3 and continues through Nov. 26.

The Old Coast Guard Station is at 1424 Street and Atlantic Avenue in Virginia Beach. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2.50 for military and senior citizens and \$1 for young people aged 6 to 18. Museum members receive free admission.

Gallery boutique

The Artists Gallery annual sale and holiday boutique begins with an open house Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Once per year discounts will be taken on selected artwork on a first-come basis. Artwork by 50 members will be included in this annual event. The exhibition will also include artist created holiday ornaments, cards, pottery, handpainted glassware and other one-of-a-kind items. The gallery is located at 2407 Pacific Ave. in Virginia Beach. Gallery hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays. Free and open to the public.

ROWS luncheon set

The Retired Officer's Wives Society (ROWS) of Tidewater will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 9 at the Fort Story Club in Virginia Beach. Call 481-6356 or 481-2466 by Nov. 5 for reservations. The program will be presented by retired Army Maj. Gen. Jerry Curry, a widely recognized operatic tenor who will present selections from his repertoire of grand opera, folk music, spirituals and popular songs. Membership in the organizations is open to all wives and widows of retired military officers and to retired female officers from any branch of uniformed military service.

Reading helpers

The Tidewater Literacy Council will conduct a tutor training workshop Nov. 4 and 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sign up to teach an adult to read. The workshop will be held at Oakdale United Methodist Church in Virginia Beach. Call 393-6459 for information and directions.

Extras needed

Extras are needed for the movie "Hearts in Atlantis" starring Sir Anthony Hopkins at 701 Lynnhaven Pkwy. in Virginia Beach this Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bring a current photo/headshot and resume if available. Call (804) 358-2581 for more information.

Craft Faire

Santas, angels, candles, heirloom baby clothes, antique windows, pottery, holiday items, hot cider, cookies and more will be offered at the historic Lynnhaven House (ca 1725) Craft Faire Nov. 10-12. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission fee is \$1 to benefit the Lynnhaven House. For further information call, 460-1688 or 456-0351. The Lynnhaven House is located on 4405 Wishart Rd. near Haygood Shopping Center and the intersection of Independence Boulevard and Haygood/Wishart Roads, Virginia Beach.

Library workshop

In celebration of Children's Book Week, Nov. 13-19, author and teacher Alice Wakefield will demonstrate to parents and child care providers how to make games based on children's favorite stories during a story-game workshops Thursday, Nov. 16 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Bayside Area Library, 936 Independence Blvd. These games will help prepare preschoolers to be successful in the classroom. Call 460-7518 to register beginning Wednesday, Nov. 1. Participation is limited to 30.

Christmas bazaar

The Lynnhaven Colony Congregational Church's Women Fellowship will sponsor a Christmas bazaar Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 2217 Great Neck Rd. Holiday crafts, holiday pie sale and lunch will be offered. Holiday crafters' space/tables will be for rent. Holiday fragrances and accessories will be featured by Cherry Davidson. If interested in renting space call Jean Muehlen at 481-1338 (h) or 422-6700 (w).

Fall fun found down on the farm

Vogels' Hunt Club experience has been Beach tradition since 1980s

By Jim DeAngelo
Correspondent

They are at once both farmers and entertainers, running a zoo, a farm, a store and a small village. They grow and sell produce, care for and enjoy animals. And they open up their farm to thousands of visitors each year, most of which pack the place each October in search of the perfect pumpkin or seasonal scare.

"They" are the Vogel family, owners and operators of Virginia Beach's Hunt Club Farm.

"We're the pumpkin patch people," admits Randi Vogel, a 26-year-old new

mother who says her role on the farm is "general manager, or something like that." "We're the folks all the school group visit. People come up to me and say, 'My kids visited your farm last week and had the best time.' They say 'My daughter visited here 10 years ago.' They know us as the people with the pumpkin patch."

Perfect pumpkins

A retired Navy pilot, John C. Vogel purchased the London Bridge land in the

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Photo by Jim DeAngelo

ALONG FOR THE RIDE. The hayride is a popular country pastime as visitors enjoy being "down on the farm" each fall at Hunt Club Farm. The Vogels, who operate the farm, say October is their "crazy month."

'Mr. Halloween' haunted by past

Beach businessman's personal mission is to do holiday up right

By Victoria Hecht
Editor

Any kid growing up in the '70s remembers them.

The Halloween costumes of the day — head-to-toe plastic, with a plastic mask, held on by a flimsy rubber band — were a trick or treat's worst nightmare.

Forget ghosts and ghouls.

Keeping the costume from falling apart, or worse still, trying to see out the tiny eyeholes, was much scarier.

And don't even mention how those cardboard-boxed costumes, typically picked up at the grocery store by a well-meaning mom, made one's face sweat.

The thought is still enough to make "D" Nachnani, Virginia Beach's "Mr. Halloween," want to scream.

"The costumes were so thin and flimsy that by the third house, the leg

scams of the costume always tore. If I actually came home still wearing a whole, recognizable costume, it would have been a miracle. There seemed to be no other costume options — it was either boxed plastic or thrown together from home," he said.

Nachnani, 33, has made it his official mission to costume Hampton Roads the right way.

Owner of Harygul's Halloween Superstore, he is, of course, an entrepreneur. And this time of year business is thriving at his shops at Pembroke and Lynnhaven Malls in Virginia Beach and Greenbrier Mall in Chesapeake.

But Nachnani is driven by something else, too. One might call them his "Halloween demons."

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Photo by Victoria Hecht

MR. HALLOWEEN. "D" Nachnani has made it his personal mission to clothe Halloween celebrants in better costumes that the plastic ones he suffered through as a youngster in the '70s.

Land House journeys into 'Haunting History'

Specters of yesteryear come alive with the 'spirit' of the season

By Bob Rueggeger
Correspondent

Based on the premise that stories anchored in historical fact are often more haunting than fiction, the Francis Land House staff offered guests a unique autumn program Saturday that integrated the spirit of the season with specters from the past.

The program, "Our Haunting History," included costumed interpreters who guided Land House guests through local history while introducing them to living history interpreters who portrayed spirits from the past.

As they toured the house and its environs, visitors were transported back into time to hear the haunting stories of guests such as Sarah Thoroughgood, Blackbeard, and Grace Sherwood — people who played key roles in local history. Apparitions of lesser known personages also made timely appearances. Dr. Archibald Campbell and Anne Land were among them.

"Our contention is that if you really want to read a scary story, you can just pick up a good history book," said Vicki Harvey, Land House museum educator. "You don't have to go to a scary movie. You don't have to do one of those pretend things. You can go back and find some stories that will be pretty haunting."

Land House guests were shepherded through the darkness along the wooded trail by lantern-carrying guides until they were met by Paul Lankford, the narrator who set the eerie tone for the ghostly tour.

"Are you sure you want to continue your walk in the woods this evening?" Lankford asked visitors.

There was no response — only silence from the guests.

"It's good that you are not alone," he continued. "If you're set on continuing the journey, stay close together and try to



Photo by Bob Rueggeger

WITCH OF PUNGO. No program featuring local history — haunted or not — would be complete without Grace Sherwood, Princess Anne County's most celebrated resident. Irene Halle portrayed the witch during the spooky festivities.

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Commentary

HAVE A SAFE HALLOWEEN

Protect the lil' goblins

Halloween should be about fun: dressing up, pursuing a different persona, getting enough candy to last a month.

The last thing adults and children want to worry about on "Trick or Treat" Night is an injury or worse. That's why it makes good sense to use a little common sense and precaution to ensure that Halloween memories will be pleasant ones.

There are several things parents should consider before letting their children loose for a night of candy-collecting revelry.

According to the AAA of Tidewater, there is a fourfold increase in young pedestrian accidents on the holiday night.

"Every year, thousands of pedestrians across the United States and Canada are killed or injured as a result of motor-vehicle crashes," said Georgeanne Blumling, public affairs vice president of AAA of Tidewater. "While this reality is reason enough for concern and action, government data shows a fourfold increase in deaths among young pedestrians on the evening of Halloween alone."

Analyzed data from the National Highway Traffic Administration also shows that, among pedestrians aged 5 to 14, 4,000 injuries occurred on Halloween between the hours of 4 and 10 p.m.

The reasons are obvious — children are outside after dark, when they normally wouldn't be, and they're traipsing across the street. They often wear dark colors, too, which are difficult for motorists to see.

Because of these concerns, parents should take a few precautions to make sure their little goblins are safe before going door to door for candy. The AAA recommends several tips:

Children

- Avoid wearing masks because they block one's vision. Create a dramatic look using makeup.
- Wear light-colored costumes. But no matter what color the costume is, be sure to illuminate it and the treat bucket or bag with reflective tape and glow-in-the-dark accessories.
- Be sure every trick or treat or chaperone has a flashlight. Place younger children's flashlights face down in the treat bag or bucket, and remind youngsters not to shine the flashlight in the eyes of oncoming drivers.
- Walk facing the traffic and cross streets only at corners, not mid-block or between parked cars.

Parents

- Plan the trick-or-treating route in advance, and only in a familiar neighborhood.
- Be sure children under 12 are accompanied by an adult.
- Have children over 12 travel in small groups and follow a strict curfew. However, most communities ban trick or treating for youngsters over age 12.
- Wear reflective tape and glow-in-the-dark accessories as well.

Motorists

- Slow down. This is not the night to be flying down the street. Try driving five miles slower than the posted speed limit to allow extra time for stopping.
 - Be extra alert for children crossing the street between parked cars or in the middle of the block.
 - Broaden your scan. Look left and right into yards and onto front porches.
 - Turn your lights on, even in the daytime.
 - Arrive home a little earlier on Halloween. Make sure you have all the treats ready so you can avoid a last-minute rush to the store.
- Keeping children safe and happy is a challenge at Halloween, but one which far outweighs not doing so. Trick or treat...safely.
- V.E.H.

Letter to the editor

Clinton/Gore foreign policy favors terrorists

Editor:

The diplomacy of the Clinton/Gore White House is that "the lights are on, but no one is home." Since taking office they have brought Yasser Arafat to this country and made his terrorist cause legit in the minds of the present administration. Then, of course, there's the IRA leader whom they allowed to come in our country.

And, of course, there's the pardon of the Puerto Rico terrorists that his own FBI said not to pardon. This administration really believes it can negotiate with terrorists, and what do we get? What have we received most recently is the attack on the *Cole* and the tragic loss of American sailors again.

Again, the rhetoric of whomever did it is "We will get you again." Why were we in Yemen getting fuel? It is part of the nation-building scheme of this administration. With all that has been going on in this country, it does not take a scientist to figure out we are going out of our way to put the military in harm-

er's way. Has anybody wondered why in recent years that the Secretary of State, Mrs. Albright, has been negotiating between Palestinians and the Jews?

In the Middle East, unlike our country, women are below men and she is Jewish. It would seem this would insult the Palestinians, but this administration has always showed an extreme case of no common sense.

And the most recent insult of this administration is the memo just released that the State Department of this great nation. It said that the 17 U.S. sailors killed are not worth as much as the 100-plus Palestinians who have died in recent months. Well, I beg to differ, even if it was only one U.S. soldier. How can any government say dead sailors are less worthy than dead terrorists?

In addition, to top it off, President Clinton goes to the memorial service to feel their pain. He should be apologizing to these families for playing Russian roulette with their loved ones.

Mark P. Cernak Sr.
Chesapeake

The whole world is watching

Make no mistake — on the international front, this is a very critical presidential election.

In the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the influence of those who call for violence to accomplish what diplomacy has not grown daily on each side.

The voice of reason between these factions is the voice of our president, who rightly counsels that war will not bring the resolution each side erroneously believes it will.

The best model for the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is Northern Ireland. Over a century of warfare and terrorism in that nation brought nothing but more hatred and death. Neither Israelis nor the Palestinians have any choice except to stop the violence, no matter how right they believe they are or how just their cause may be.

There have been plenty of mistakes made by both sides, and that is especially true of the Palestinians who continue to continue those who commit acts of terrorism. But, what neither side has fully recognized is that it is the violence itself that is begetting the violence.

If there was ever a need for a UN peacekeeping force, it is in this conflict. After all, the UN created the State of Israel in the first place. Admittedly, the UN Security is not the ideal body to assemble a peacekeeping force, but it is the only international body in a position to do so.

Over the past decade many Americans have lost sight of the purpose of

America's participation in peacekeeping missions. They constantly rail against them, claiming that America is trying to police the world. Nothing could be further from the truth.

America's coalition with other nations to stop the bloodshed is solely aimed at preventing a regional war from spreading ever wider, dragging in allies on both sides, until it becomes an international war we can not avoid.

Yes, Israel is militarily strong enough to destroy Palestine, but what would it gain from such action except the renewed animosity of its other Arab neighbors? That will hardly bring the peace so essential to Israel's long-range security.

Israel's military strength is great enough that it can afford to appeal to the world community for help in restoring peace in the West Bank and Gaza strip. It's not as if Israel could not militarily strike with decisive force that would become its only option. But such a strike should be its last choice, not its first.

Meanwhile, here at home, we are about to choose a president of the most powerful nation in the world. We mustn't forget that America is the world's only hope that it will be able to wage peace instead of continual war that defined the last century.

So, wake up my fellow apathetic Americans! The future of not just our country but the peace and stability of our planet could depend upon our choosing wisely. This election is about a lot more than the size of your tax cut or Social Security check.

The whole point is to wage peace, for war, even if waging peace means deploying military forces to do so. That means being willing to join with other nations as intent upon keeping the peace in areas vital to our national interest as we are. And, yes, there could be danger, but that danger is

nothing compared to endangering an entire generation of Americans to restore peace and stability to a region as vital to our interests as the Middle East.

One thing's for certain. The current state of affairs is no time for us to elect as our president a failed businessman with zero understanding of foreign policy and a minimal understanding of the macro economics forces that provide the foundation upon which our military power is built.

George Bush's entire life is a series of bailouts from one bad judgment fiasco after another by his daddy's rich and powerful friends. It is ridiculous to claim that he has suddenly transformed overnight into a sage world leader because of the five years he served as governor of Texas. His abysmal record of achievement in that state, as well as his inability to articulate even his own plan for America, belie that claim entirely.

Conferring such awesome power on such an unqualified candidate is especially uncalled for given our alternative. In the touchy-feely culture of modern America, Al Gore may not be as charismatic as Bush, but so what?

Unlike Bush, Gore has demonstrated superior intelligence, clear vision, sound judgment and strong leadership his entire life. It is no accident that Al Gore has never shirked any duty nor failed to measure up to any responsibility thrust upon him. That, my friends, is what real moral character is all about.

As the *New York Times* said appropriately, this election is a no-brainer. Gore is precisely the kind of leader America needs at this most critical juncture in its history. In fact, America needs a President Gore a lot more than he and his wonderful family need for him to win the election. Should that not be the outcome, it is we, not he, that will be the loser.



Perspectives

By Eileen Huey,
columnist

Well, it's the time for happy haunting again.

I love Halloween.

Since I was a kid, the spooking night has by far been my favorite holiday.

And it's not because one gets to collect enough candy to treat the teeth either.

I simply love the pageantry of it all — dressing up, assuming a different personality, having a reason to go knocking at people's doors and "begging" for something when, heaven knows, Mom wouldn't let you do that any other time of the year.

Guess I'm still a big kid at heart, because I look forward to the holiday more than half the youngsters I know. And, believe me, it has been many years since I rang my last doorbell while trick or treating.

For quite a few years, however, I had to put my fervor on hold and simply answer the door to the assorted witches, Power Rangers, princesses and action heroes.

Dole out the candy, smile and comment on the kids' costumes. That's the role one is relegated to after becoming too old to go door to door — and too young to have their own children to escort.

Now that Evan and I are parents, however, the fun has returned. No more waiting for the doorbell to ring

while watching the classic "Halloween" for the thousandth time.

Nope, now we can get in on the action again!

Of course, on Mitchell's first Halloween in 1998 it was inconceivable that we take him trick or treating. (Though, I admit, I protested about it.) Mitch was hardly 2 weeks old at the time and it would have seemed, well, blatant for us to tote around a newborn in costume.

I could almost hear the comments it would evoke:

"Think those parents are hard up for candy?"

"They're just trying to show off their baby."

"They shouldn't have that baby out at night like this."

So we stayed home, watched Jane Lee Curtis scream her way through "Halloween" yet again and waited for the trick or treaters. Very uneventful night, though fun to see all the youngsters in their assorted gear.

Fast forward one year — 1999 — and Mitch was 1 year old. A toddler. Walking. And cute.

"He'll make the perfect pumpkin," I proclaimed, plotting my little boy's costume.

He'd be the cutest pumpkin ever plucked from the patch. And he was at a very cheerful age, which made it all the better. I couldn't wait for him to make his first rounds trick or treating.

As Halloween drew closer, Evan and I got in on the act. We decided to be farmers, and our son would be our pumpkin. Actually, Mitch would be part of a pumpkin patch. Knowing his little legs might get tired going from door to door, we rigged up his green wagon with straw and extra pumpkins, then placed him in the middle.

Now that Evan and I are parents, however, the fun has returned. No more waiting for the doorbell to ring

like Mr. and Mrs. Hayseed and their prize state fair pumpkin.

The grandparents got in on the fun as well. Evan's mom borrowed a Telutubby costume and decided to join in. Grandpa Tim took flashlight duty.

Mitch didn't know what to think of all this. He knew he was dressed up in a costume and that Mom and Dad were as well. And he knew he was terrified by a walking incarnation of one of his favorite television cartoon characters. A 5-foot-something walking La La with the face of his grandmother was more than he could handle.

Eventually, Mary had to keep the hood off.

So we walked from door to door, encouraging Mitch to say "trick or treat" as neighbors placed candy in his bucket. After about eight houses, though, he was over it.

He wanted the chocolate — period — and he wanted to go home.

But I was having so much fun, I wanted to go on.

"Next year he'll really enjoy Halloween," I declared, pulling off my straw farmer's hat.

I think this year he really will. At 2, his mind is more mature — and he loves candy with a capital "C." He's not shy either, and his sturdy little legs can carry him far.

In short, he's a big toddler and full of boundless energy.

I just hope I can keep up with him. By the time this appears in print, Mitch may very well have his new sister. Even with a newborn in my arms, however, I want to see Mitch's first fun Halloween.

And who knows, maybe Evan and I can find some sort of adorable costume for Abby?

I still say you're never too early to like Halloween.

Happy haunting to all.

How do you spell obnoxious?

Try Al Gore

If prizes were given for being obnoxious, Al Gore would take first place every time.

Once again, I returned to my old standby, "The Synonym Finder" by J.L. Rondale, which gives 52 definitions for obnoxious.

Gore fits into most of them, but I only selected those that applied to him during the debates.

He was disgusting, deplorable, hateful, noi-

some, nauseating, detestable, pernicious and annoying. He had the swagger of a bully as he pranced around the stage like a painted robot. His brooding, domineering and manner brought back memories of my childhood so many years ago.

Yes, there were people like Al Gore back then. They tried to intimidate, dictate and terrorize those who crossed them. I remember breaking the nose of one such fool who thought that he could frighten me.

That is what George Bush should have done when Gore walked over to him during the last debate. If Bush had pushed his face in, he probably would have gotten some of the undecided voters. Gore broke all of the debate rules, but then there was "no controlling legal authority" to stop him. He would walk pompously around like a peacock and tell the people that "I am going to work for you."

Each time he would say that, I would feel my back pocket to be sure that my billfold was still there. Even some of his own supporters when interviewed during the debate said that they were not happy with the manner in which Gore presented himself.

Reasonable people, regardless of which political party, just don't like overhearing self-glorious liars. With all of the assets that come with the vice-presidency, Gore should be leading Gov. Bush by a wide margin, but Bush is still ahead.

That tells me that there are some Democrats who don't like Gore. When he is not outright lying, he dilutes the truth, so that it's hard to believe anything he says.

During the last debate, Gore said that the schools in America are in fine shape. That's one of the biggest lies that he has told so far, except maybe the lie that the military is in fine shape. I sincerely believe that the smart people in this country are tired of Bill, Hillary and Al and the disgrace that the Clinton administration has brought down upon America.

It took a long time, but now maybe the chickens are coming home to roost.

If not, I'll have something to write about for the next four years.

Welcome to the real world.

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Err on side of caution with solicitations

A charitable organization is "any person which is or holds itself out to be organized or operated for any charitable purpose, or any person which solicits or obtains contributions from the public."



The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyer Oberdorf

Charitable organizations that must register are required to file annual reports with the Virginia Office of Consumer Affairs, pay a registration fee and submit an annual financial statement.

kinds of information without leaving their homes. It also has made it much easier for others to access personal information about consumers. Every time you use the Internet, a record of your computer usage is created somewhere in cyberspace.

Web sites that ask you to provide even a little information can learn even more about you by tying the data to your browsing habits. Each web site that a consumer visits records information about the consumer. Without the consumer's consent, a web site can gather the consumer's screen name and other information about his/her computer usage and Internet service provider. If the consumer signs a web site "guest book," the information that is provided can be added to a database for use by that company or can be sold to other companies.

Electronic mail (or "e-mail") is an easy, fast way of communicating with family, friends and business acquaintances, however, it is not always private.

When you send e-mail or provide information about yourself online, your communications can be sent through normal means (i.e. left open for others to read) or can be encrypted (i.e. encoded so that only the intended party can readily translate the information).

As a general rule, you should not give sensitive information about yourself (financial or medical) to a web site that is not secure, or send personal information by e-mail unless it is encrypted.

Tips to avoid consumer fraud

■ Never give personal information (e.g., your social security number, credit card number, bank account numbers or address) to unknown companies or e-mail contacts.

■ Tell companies with which you do business to not sell information about you.

■ Ask your Internet Access provider if the company can screen junk e-mail (or "spam").

■ Ask your Internet-service provider what kind of information the company collects about you, how they use it and whether they sell it.

■ Instruct your children to never give out information about themselves or your family on the Internet without your permission, and to never agree to meet anyone they meet on the Internet without your knowledge.

Priscilla Graves from Family and Consumer Services for the Virginia Cooperative Extension contributed to this column.

Youths ready to ride recreation 'WAVE'

Program open to youths 12-18

Calling all youths who enjoy the great outdoors.

Virginia Beach's Department of Recreation's Working All of Virginia's Environment (WAVE) program is accepting applications for late fall and winter enrollment.

The program is open to all youth aged 12 to 18 interested in getting fun, hands-on experience while exploring potential careers in fields relating to conservation, recreation or outdoor areas.

Applications are due by Nov. 15. Register an application by calling 471-5884.

WAVE, established in 1999, was created as an offshoot of the Junior Ranger program, which is offered through the National and State Parks system.

A year-round program, the organization's primary objective is to provide young people with recreation, education and conservation hands-on experience as well as an awareness in a safe and social setting, with the criteria established as a work study mind set. Participants

work in outdoor activities with a variety of organizations and affiliations throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia including Virginia State Parks, National Wildlife Refugees and others who share an interest in Virginia's environment.

Activity options include archeology, arts and crafts, back country maintenance, educational programs, fish and wildlife management, geology, historic clothing and furnishings, historic preservation, horticulture, library research, museums and exhibits, natural history, soil science, trail construction and repair and visitor programs and service. Programming and educational activities relate to science, math, history and English standards of learning.

"WAVE's" meet the first Friday of each month from 5:30 to 7 p.m. for business meetings. Visits to state parks and other off-site excursions occur on the second Saturday of each month and an additional activity (regularly voted on during business meetings) occurs on the fourth Saturday of each month. Membership dues are \$20 per year or \$5 per quarter. Participants must also be Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation members.

Up close and personal

Dick Biondo: Speaking his piece

By Victoria Hecht

Editor

Dick Biondo is rarely — if ever — at a loss for words.

Talking is the retired chief warrant officer's life, whether it's leading a shy group of public speaking students at the Adult Learning Center, addressing fellow members during a Toastmasters meeting or calling an auction.

Communication is the key to all of it.

"There's a communication — and then there's communication," said Biondo, who injects an air of humor into his addresses. "There's a wife throwing the evening meal at her husband, and that's communication, but that's not effective."

"Attitude" and "enthusiasm" are two of Biondo's favorite words, and he says the keys to making communication effective.

A Bayside resident, Biondo attends Unity Renaissance Church in Chesapeake and has worked with Toastmasters groups in Portsmouth, Virginia Beach and beyond. He got his first taste of public speaking in 1976 when called upon to be an impromptu auctioneer at a gathering he was attending.

From there he was invited to a Toastmasters meeting at Little Creek Amphibious Base, one of only two such clubs in the city at the time. Today there are 15 at the Beach, 80 throughout the state.

Biondo quickly made a name within the organization, eventually being designated Distinguished Toastmaster and winning 1992-93 Toastmaster of the Year for Virginia.

Biondo has further reason to brag. He's also founder of the Bayside Speakers, a Toastmasters group in its sixth year. In its second year of existence, the group placed 38th out of 8,800 in international standings.

Biondo believes in Toastmasters' ability to help empower oneself and defeat the fear of speaking in public. He even cited an article in a prison industry trade journal which cited a zero recidivism rate at a prison which had an active Toastmasters club — as opposed to 70 percent at those which don't.

And, he said, it gives a voice to the once "speechless."

"Toastmasters is a communication organization. One group we've done a great deal for are the sort of 'third-class citizens.' Women, for example, who have always taken a back seat to their husbands," he said.

The easiest way to get people talking, he continued, is having them talk about themselves. It is, after all, the subject they know the most about.

Biondo's wish is that everyone were comfortable expressing themselves. That's one reason he's teaching three courses at the Adult Learning Center this fall: The Effective Communicator, Public Speaking for Cowards (And the Other 98% of the World) and "That's Not What I Meant" Gender Communication in the Workplace.

"I try not to change people. I try to use their strengths," Biondo explained. "If a person doesn't do well in rehearsal, for example, don't rehearse."

Some people are best "on their feet" at the last minute, he said.

"Ninety-nine percent of communication is impromptu, just conversation. If you have enough confidence and know what you're talking about, you can do it."

Then there are those difficult "little issues" like "what to do with your hands when you don't know what to do with them," he furthered.

He said one doesn't have to make grand gestures with hands; simply let them rest.

Other bits of advice: use a brief outline instead of a long speech or elaborate notes (which one will be tempted to read); don't let the method overwhelm the message; make eye contact; don't speak too loudly or too softly; arrive early to scope out the room and meet everyone; and — surprise — you don't have to be yourself.

"I tell people straight out that you don't have to be yourself," Biondo said, "especially if you're nervous and scared to death. Never apologize either. The audience doesn't need to know what's wrong with you. You're out there to project a message."

Biondo's favorite form of teaching is one-on-one, and he loves the challenge of those who think they can't do it. In his more than two decades of public speaking, Biondo has had only one student quit — and that was during the first half of a first class when "she found out she'd have to get up in front of people and speak."

Biondo's biggest reward is taking someone "who is quiet as a church mouse" and turning that person into an effective speaker.

"I love working with people," he asserted. "I



love it when people come to me and say, 'I can't do it,' and I say, 'Oh yes, you can.'"

Away from Toastmasters, Biondo puts his public speaking skills to good use as a workshop speaker, seminar leader and guest speaker. He's a verbal communication instructor with the Virginia Beach City Public Schools and licensed Virginia state auctioneer specializing in charity auctions.

Biondo also runs Bayside Estate and Auction Service and is a member of the Virginia Speakers and Virginia Auctioneers associations. As a volunteer, he has done presentations and training for the Norfolk YWCA, Response and Navy Family Services. He was Response's 1996 Volunteer of the Year.

Name: Dick Biondo.

What brought you to this area: Joined the Navy.

Hometown: Ashland.

Age: 67.

Nickname: Dick.

Occupation: Speech instructor, charity auctioneer and auction administrator; owner estate liquidation service.

Marital Status: Married to Maggie.

Children: Four: Rick, 45, retired U.S. Navy, lives in Guam; Kim, 44, housewife; Lea Ann, 41, banking; and Mark, 37, U.S. Marine Corps, California.

Favorite movie: "2001: A Space Odyssey."

Favorite authors: Isaac Asimov, Arthur Clarke.

Favorite magazines: Toastmasters, Virginia Auctioneer, Country Living.

Favorite night out on the town: Anything that gets me out of the house that has either an auction or food.

Favorite restaurant: Formosa Super Buffet.

Favorite meal and beverage: Chinese buffet and Sprite.

Best thing about myself: Love to teach.

Pets: Ebony, a black chow, and Squeaker and Princess, cats.

Hobbies: Public speaking and performing charity auctions.

Ideal vacation: A week in Orlando, Fla. seeing everything.

Pet peeves: World-class controllers.

First job: Selling newspapers on a corner in Chicago.

Least liked job: Delivering newspapers in Chicago during the winter.

Favorite sports team: Redskins when they're winning.

Favorite musicians: Spike Jones and His Band of Renown (you just don't hear good music like that anymore) and Michael Bolton.

Most embarrassing moment: While preparing for a physical examination, stripped down to my shorts in the medical office and standing there when everyone came back from lunch. I thought it was strange that they had typewriters in the examining room!

How I would like to be remembered: As a tireless worker who wanted to be a part of the solution.

If I received \$1 million: I would take a round-trip world tour with Maggie.

If I had 10 minutes on national television: I would love to give a motivational speech encouraging people to overcome their fear of speaking.

City offers safe trick-or-treating tips

Tuesday, Oct. 31 is Halloween, commonly known as "Trick or Treat Night."

Trick or Treating begins at dusk and ends at 8 p.m. for children 12 years of age and younger. If passing out treats, turn the porch light on so children will know they are welcome at your door. If not passing out treats, turn the porch light off to avoid being called upon.

The city of Virginia Beach offers a few safety tips to make this a safe Halloween for all:

■ Wear light-colored clothing short enough to prevent tripping and add reflectors or glow-in-the-

dark safety stickers.

■ Make sure your children can see clearly through face masks or better yet, use face paint or makeup instead of a mask.

■ Go out in daylight and carry a flashlight in case of delay.

■ Accompany young children, especially if they are under the age of 8. If you cannot accompany them, have them go with a group of other children. Never let them go alone.

■ Watch out for traffic and only cross at corners. Be careful not to cross between parked cars. Try to stay on well-lit streets only. Let

your family know what route and streets you plan to travel.

■ Stay within your neighborhood and visit only the homes that you know.

■ Insist children use sidewalks to avoid injury. If sidewalks aren't available, walk facing traffic.

■ Have children wait until they get home to eat their goodies so you can examine their treats before allowing them to eat.

■ Give or accept only wrapped or packaged candy.

■ An adult should stay home to welcome trick-or-treaters.

■ Keep pets under control and

away from the front door.

■ Clear your garage, lawn and walkway of any tools, toys, or other items to avoid accidents.

■ Use electric lights or luminary bags to light your front walk.

■ Keep candle-lit jack-o'-lanterns away from where costumes might brush against the flames.

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Class goes hog wild

While reading the story "The Three Hawaiian Pigs and the Magic Shark," students in Clair Kroft and Judy Ozmar's class wore Hawaiian clothes and leis. Treats of dried pineapple slices, macadamia nuts and coconut bars were served. Students James Mahon, from left, Christina Meeker and Michael Pepper posed as the pigs.

'Mr. Halloween'

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Since his embarrassing Halloween beginnings — in ill-fitting, shredded plastic get-ups — the holiday has taken on a whole new meaning.

Nachnani's father, Gary, a Northern Virginia businessman, really got the enterprise started when "D" was still young.

"I'd come home from trick or treating, my costume all ripped and mask hanging off, and my dad took a clue from it," he remembered. "The older Nachnani launched the Halloween empire in 1972 when he decided to carry a few good costumes in his store, Far East Bazaar.

Nachnani, a pre-med major who graduated from George Washington University in 1990, followed in his father's entrepreneurial footsteps. He has been in Hampton Roads since that time, running family businesses down here and expanding the "empire."

"Dad told me I had to love what I did, whether it was pre-med or business," he said.

Taking that advice, Nachnani made it his mission to expand the costume offerings for everyone from infants to adults. In 1991, Harygul's Halloween made its way to Hampton Roads with a first store at the oceanfront.

Today, the three stores show no sign of those boxed plastic costumes with flimsy masks.

But Halloween shoppers will discover a whole array of costumes, accessories and decorations — plastic eyeballs and all.

Costumes range from a few dollars to \$2,000, the kind Nachnani says are almost "guaranteed" to win during a costume contest.

His personal favorites are the Grin Reaper and "Pimp Daddy," which looks like a zoot suit only funkier. He also favors the couple outfit, such as a cow and milkmaid, or Little Red Riding Hood and the wolf.

The "Ultra Zombie," which turns the wearer into a 9-foot menace and has a voice changer, is just plain scary.

And that's what Nachnani wants. "Halloween is the one day people feel they can do or be anything they want. It's just fun," said the businessman, who for kicks likes to slip in a pair of "zombie" contact lenses just to make customers look twice.

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Even pets can get in on the act. Costumes for Fido and Fluffy are becoming more popular, he asserted.

"A lot of people love their pets and treat them as they would children. Their pets are their children," he said.

The array of costumes for youngsters has grown tremendously since his '70s experiences, when Nachnani remembers super heroes and the typical witches and ghosts were about it. And for a heavier child such as himself, he reflected, choices were even more limited.

Still, Nachnani said the '70s aren't completely dead. Costume-wearers love the "turo" look — they want to be a discing or queen. He sells lots of those outfits.

"They're strong as costumes today because they are comfortable and keep fun in mind. Plus, you don't have to dress up too much," he explained.

Nachnani likes the "scary stuff," too, and is a big supporter of the Halloween accoutrements one won't find at most stores: jumbo afros, professional stage makeup, mist makers, unique accessories.

"When you need the liquid latex or the fake blood, you can get it in gallons, not just ounces," he smiled.

Still, Nachnani's favorite aspect of Halloween is dressing youngsters. He still can't forget those plastic-costume days.

"Transforming a child into their favorite character is simply magical," he said. "It's rewarding."

Land House explores 'Haunted History'

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Imagine what it was like in these woods — with no lights and no scientific explanations — only darkness and the fear of the unknown.

"If you're feeling brave, please continue your journey, but hold onto your amulets, just in case," Lankford admonished.

Less than 50 yards along the trail, the small group of visitors encounter their first apparition: young Sarah Thoroughgood.

"Adam, where are you?" exclaimed the spirit holding a lantern aloft and peering furtively into the night.

"Have you seen my husband?" she asked the visitors.

There were only negative responses to her inquiry.

Sarah's shade told visitors of the dangers that settlers in the New World faced from the savages, witches and pirates who came ashore and took whatever they wanted.

"Here at night, it is very quiet. It is really very hard to even remember that England exists," said the specter.

"The noises at night are most frightening," she said. "Listen. What's that? A witch? A pirate coming ashore? Perhaps it's just the wind blowing through the trees."

"Guard yourselves well as you walk through the woods this evening and hold your amulets tight," she warned before evaporating into the darkness.

A little farther along the path near the miasmic swamp, the spirit of Grace Sherwood — the Witch of Pungo — materialized before the group.

Sherwood was a woman who was not well-liked in old Princess Anne County. She was accused of witchcraft and imprisoned for seven years based upon the testimony of her neighbors and a trial by water.

"I was accused of a whole lot of things but ain't none of 'em true. I ain't no witch," protested Sherwood's spirit.

"They began to say, 'O! Grace has done bewitched the cotton crop. It's dried up and it won't grow no more,'" she offered. "They said, 'O! Grace has done cast a spell on a whole acre of land. Won't no tobacco grow on it!'"

"Finally, they got enough people to believe all that stuff and had me tried by water," she said.

Sherwood's apparition attributed her neighbors' animosity — at least in part — to jealousy.

"Absolutely! When I was a young woman, I was a good-looking young girl. I weren't no wrinkled old crone like I am now," explained the sage. "I saw the gentlemen glancing my way."

Before vanishing into the swamp, Sherwood advised the women in the group to plant rosemary in their herb gardens.

"Where rosemary flourishes," said the apparition, "the wife rules. Get you some, ladies."

Returning to the Land House from the woods, visitors fell under the spell of the legendary Blackbeard, or at least his spirit. The infamous pirate gave visitors a graphic account of the final battle in which he was defeated and beheaded.

"My knees buckled to the deck of that ship, and my face splattered against her splintered boards," said the pirate specter. "And then I heard words that I prayed to Satan that I would never hear: Off with his head!"

According to legend, Blackbeard's headless body was thrown overboard and swam around the ship seven times looking for his head.

"Blackbeard claimed that was nonsense."

"That's a lie! I only swam around



Photos by Bob Rungger

LAST GENERATION. Ann Land, depicted by Mary Fraser Wunnenburg, was the last of six generations of Lands to live on the property. "Tomorrow, after 200 years, this place will belong to someone else," lamented the apparition.

the ship twice," confided the pirate.

Blackbeard's head, according to the pirate's specter, was impaled upon a boarding pike near the custom house in Hampton as a warning to would-be pirates.

After the notorious pirate finished his ranting and raving, the now close-knit group was ushered into the basement of the Land House where the apparitions two African-American slaves — John and Kate — discussed their chances for freedom on the eve of the American Revolution.

Norfolk has been burned to the ground, and Governor Dunmore has offered the slaves of rebels freedom if they take up arms on behalf of the Crown.

"Think about it, Kate" implored John. "It may be our last chance for freedom."

As the two pondered the tangible possibility of freedom, the visitors are guided upstairs to a quiet anteroom.

Dr. Archibald Campbell, an apothecary and physician from Norfolk who has been attending Francis Land, greeted visitors who he assumed came to pay their respects to the terminally ill Land patriarch. "I'm sorry," apologized Dr. Campbell, "I know you have come to pay your respects, but I must tell you that he is not receiving visitors."

"I will relay to him that you were here and I will also tell the family that you were here," Campbell said. "I would ask that if you have a hat on to keep it on. We've had a real infestation of head lice with all the people in the house."

After explaining to guests that Land has been suffering from "intermittent fever," the physician admits that he has been unable to make much progress in treating the illness.

Campbell's vivid description of "bleeding" and "cupping" — two common medical practices of the day used for treating such illnesses — caused an uneasy feeling among the visitors.

The cure in this case, observed one of the guests, seemed worse than the illness. Although Campbell offered to remove loose teeth gratis, there were no guests who took advantage of his benevolence.

"Mr. Land will probably not recover from this ailment, due to his age and his lifestyle," confided Dr. Campbell. "He smoked tobacco, he drank whiskey, and he rode in the morning dew. He often rode in the rain and didn't look after his health."

Shaking his head sadly, Dr. Campbell turns and leaves the room as the guests filter through the chamber door and into the central hallway of the house.

In the parlor across the hall from the anteroom, program visitors



HE'S BACK! Blackbeard, portrayed by Ben Cherry of Port of Plymouth, N.C., has been a perennial favorite at the Land House. "It's a lie! I only swam around the ship seven times after being beheaded."

meet the grieving spirit of Ann Land, the last of six generations of Lands to live on the property.

"Tomorrow, after 200 years, this place will belong to someone else," lamented the spirit. "If only mother had had a son."

Fred and Lisa Nunn were among the program participants who were familiar with local history, but learned a little more from the program.

"I've always been interested in history. You learn about where you came from because that's who you are," said Fred Nunn. "I was raised in the Witchduck area," he said. "I always knew the road was named for that, but I found the details of how they tied and ducked her [Grace Sherwood] interesting."

"I think more people should bring their children. I think that's where it starts," remarked Lisa Nunn. "You have to get them when they're young to be interested in where they came from and how it all happened. Then they like history — hopefully forever."

"We've been to a number of ghost walks and this program has been among the best," added Fred.

The Land House staff has always taken great pride in producing quality programs that address the interests and needs of the community. Even successful programs such as "Our Haunting History" have been continually re-examined and revised.

"I think people are looking for some of these alternative kinds of programs — programs that they can come to and learn a little something," observed Harvey.

"Yet at the same time there's a little bit of thrill from walking through the woods with a lantern — with the assurance that nothing's going to jump out at you and scare you. This is a program that you're going to think about — for a while."

Naturalist to host wreath-making workshop

Vickie Shuler, a Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge volunteer, will lead a program on wreath making Nov. 11 at 2 p.m. Shuler will guide participants along the trail to collect a few of nature's ornaments at the Ashville Bridge Creek Environmental Education Center.

Upon completing the trail walk, participants will create their own holiday wreaths and learn how plants are used for food, medicine and other crafts.

There will be no charge for the program, and there are 15 spaces available. For more information and to pre-register call, 721-2412. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. The program will meet at the Ashville Bridge Creek Environmental Education Center. The center is located at 3022 New Bridge Rd.

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Make it a family date for foliage

By Jim DeAngelo
Correspondent

At the peak of its color explosion, now is the time to take to the country and enjoy the fall foliage.

Generally reaching full "bloom" this time each year, Virginia's back roads and scenic byways are beckoning scores of visitors with the lure of brightly-colored leaves, a nip in the air and a blue sky that stretched as far as the mind can see.

Knowing that winter is just around the corner, you might want to go west this weekend and enjoy nature's fall spectacular.

While there are plenty of places near and far to enjoy a wonderful weekend, the best places for viewing the leaves this side of Vermont are along the Appalachian Trail in western Virginia. Jefferson National Forest, George Washington National Forest and Shenandoah National Park are all highly recommended, especially the Skyline Drive portion of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

It may get a little crowded, but Skyline Drive is the place to go to see the fall leaves.

Sweeping, panoramic views await visitors as they crest eastern peaks in the Appalachian chain. Traversing some of the highest spots in the state, trees show off

pert and everyone in between. There are more than 500 miles of trails; some are handicapped accessible.

The 2.2-mile roundtrip hike to the top of Turk Mountain is a fine example of a fairly easy hike that yields great rewards, including a panoramic view from the top that is awe-inspiring. Not up to climbing a mountain? How about a walk to a waterfall?

No matter which path you choose to travel, granite, quartz and limestone outcroppings, bubbling brooks and yes, plenty of trees with brilliantly colored leaves await.

■ **Cycling** - On a crisp, fall day, there's nothing like peddling along a scenic byway. Touring the countryside on two wheels is a great way to take in the fall foliage. You can cover quite a bit of distance with relative ease from the seat of your bike.

And being out of your vehicle allows other senses to enjoy the experience, like the rustling of the leaves as they pass under your tires. But be careful to choose an appropriate route. Too many hills or too many cars can turn a pleasant ride into a dangerous one if all riders are not prepared for the terrain.

■ **Photography** - If you have been waiting for just the right opportunity to try out that new digital camera or that new color-saturated film, you won't find a more photogenic subject than Skyline Drive in its full fall splendor.

A postcard in the waiting can be found at practically every turn. Whether you shoot close ups of the leaves, wide, vista views of the mountains and valley, or a fall family portrait, your photos can't help but be beautiful. They can't help but exclaim "This is fall in Virginia."

■ **Picnicking** - Whether traveling by bike or by auto, there are plenty of great picnic sites in Shenandoah and along Skyline Drive. Numerous roadside overlooks and scenic vistas feature picnic tables; additional areas are set aside for cookouts or an "al fresco" outdoor meal.

Working northward from the southern entrance to Skyline Drive at Rockfish, just off Interstate 64, Loft Mountain, South River and Lewis Mountain (near the park's midway mark) all feature picnic grounds; most include grills.

■ **Camping** - After a nice meal, you might just want to pitch a tent and sleep under the stars. If so, prepare to arrive as early as possible and delay other activities until after a campsite is secured. Camping is popular this time of the year, and the campgrounds at Loft Mountain, Lewis Mountain and even Big Meadows fill up rather early.

Preparing to close for the season in the next couple of weeks, only Big Meadows accepts reservations. Remember too, that it is much cooler in the higher altitude than in Hampton Roads. Dress for the chilly weather. Bring plenty of firewood. And don't forget rain gear — just in case!

A good place to start your trip is in the local library or bookstore. There, you'll find plenty of books and guides to make the most out of your visit to Skyline Drive. The Internet can be very helpful as well, with updated Web sites so you won't be caught off-guard by the weather or the crowds. Plan your hikes, check out the camping facilities, get directions to the park...Or find an alternate location for viewing the lingering leaves.

But do so soon, or you'll have to wait until next year.

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FAMILY FUN! Camaraderie brought together young and old as they enjoyed the sights and sounds of the Harvest Fair.

Photos by Jim DeAngelo

Harvest Fair ultimate fall fling

Beach hosts mini version of State Fair

By Jim DeAngelo
Correspondent

"Drivers! Drivers wanted here for the Roadsters drive."

He's only been with the carnival a month, but Glenn Bailey is already hooked. He loves it. He loves the travel, the festival of life, the crowds. He loves the Roadster, a "kiddie ride" he operates after gently placing little ones into the automobiles. But most importantly, he loves the people and the crowds. "I love working with the kids," he says, in full smile. "I love to see their smiling faces, to see the joy they have. I love it. I love it."

There's a lot to love about a carnival — and last week's Harvest Fair was no exception.

The 50 carnival rides and many midway games were just a fraction of the things to do and see. There were agriculture and horticulture exhibits, contests and displays, bull riding, pig races, a garden tractor pull, helicopter rides, plenty of



THIS LITTLE PIGGY. Porkers put on their best as they raced for the prize during the Harvest Fair at Princess Anne Park. The winner, "Oscar Meyer," was rewarded with a creme-filled cookie.

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tasty treats, music and dancing. And fireworks every night.

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UP, UP AND AWAY. The midway featured rides of all shapes and forms.

"They love fairs and this is close to home. There are a lot of rides and the kids really love it. They like spending time together, the rides, and we'll check out the pig races; I think they'll really like that."

It may have been pretty unusual to see pigs racing, but, judging by the capacity-sized crowd of wildly cheering fans, they were definitely popular. Rosarie's Royal Racing Pigs competed several times each day of the four-day fair.

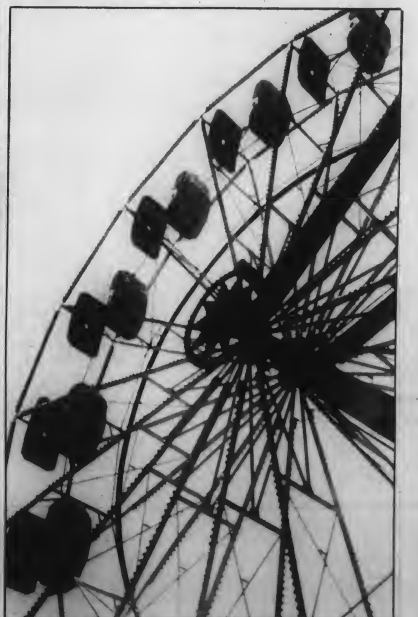
With names like "Shakin' Bacon," "Pork Chop" and "Harry Hambone," little porkers and the huge Asian Potbelly pigs — who weighed nearly 300 pounds — took turns amazing the onlookers. They were an obvious fan favorite.

One fan brought his family from Currituck, N.C. for the fair and the pig racing.

"I loved the pig races; they were my favorite part of the fair," said Terry Sample. "But my kids love the rides."

They weren't alone. "I like to ride the rides," said 10-year-old Parker Baccos. "The 'Roundup' is my favorite ride. It makes me dizzy."

His friend, John Marinovich



ALL ABOARD! Youngsters of all ages enjoyed rides galore at the Harvest Fair, sponsored by the cities of Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Virginia Beach and Chesapeake. The four-day event shared the region's agricultural heritage with residents.

agreed. "The rides are the best. I like the one that flips upside down. I only ride a couple, but I have a good time."

"I like to go on the rides, said Jake Mills of Chesapeake. "I don't really like the roller coasters, just the others. I don't have a real favorite. I like the sudden changing of direction, the motion. I ride dur-

ing the day; I have other things to do at night."

Too bad. Night is the most popular time at the fair, at least according to Bailey.

"The crowds start picking up around 6:30 or so," he figured. "I think it's the lights. I think everyone enjoys the lights going around on the rides. Or maybe it's the fireworks..."



Photo by Jim DeAngelo

FALL FOLIAGE. Now is the time to hit the road and head to the mountains to take in the spectacular scenery and changing leaves. Make it a family affair and consider a camping trip.

Fall fun seasonal tradition at Hunt Club Farm

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'60s, started a kennel and "cattery" in the '70s and has been selling pumpkins there since the '80s. He started selling fresh produce about 12 years ago.

The place has grown a little each year since then, mainly due to the large number of groups which visit the farm each October.

Hunt Club is a working, 32-acre farm with tractors and wagon, a petting zoo, a green house, several barns and a produce market.

In addition to the Vogels, the farm is also home to pigs, sheep, goats, bunnies, horses, peacocks, chickens, llamas, donkeys and a mule. And they have a pumpkin patch, of course, but it wasn't too fruitful this year.

"We typically grow pumpkins here, but with all the rain this year we grew only seven," said Vogel, who is always quick to laugh, even in the midst of Harvest Festival. "And the corn field really took over this year. But we still have plenty of pumpkins."

Befitting the season, there are hundreds of pumpkins to choose from. "Big ones, small ones. Pumpkins for carving, pumpkins for decoration and pumpkins for pies. There are a couple patches for people to come and pick out their special pumpkin; they double as a picture perfect spot for a family photo."

"We love this place; we come here every year," offered Cindy Black, a Virginia Beach mom who was helping her daughter pick out a pint-sized pumpkin. "It's close to home. The kids love to come here to play and have fun. It's a little bit of the country in the city."

"It's become a Halloween tradition for us."

"This is our first time here, but we like it a lot," said Sheila Moye, while her husband was standing in a long line to purchase some pumpkins.

"It's a beautiful fall day. The farm scenery is nice. We enjoyed a hayride and had fun selecting pumpkins. They have face painting and all kinds of animals to see here, rides for the kids. There's something to please everyone."

Her two sons agreed.

They and two buddies said they enjoyed their visit to the farm and sported huge pumpkins to prove it. Paul and Patrick Moye decided to share a pumpkin.

"It's big enough for two," said Paul, who's nine. "We'll carve a scary face into it."

"Dad will help us cut the top off and draw the face and he'll help us carve it," said Patrick. "Sometimes we eat the seeds. It's going to be fun."

If size is any indicator, their friends were in for a grand time as well.

"I've got the biggest one of all," bragged 9-year-old Ryan Molpus playfully. "Mine weighs 35 pounds."

But brother Jake had a good one, too. He knew the secret to picking the best one.

"I like the big ones," he said. "The bigger the better. I look for



SEASONAL SCARE. The Village of the Dead is one of the popular fall attractions at Hunt Club Farm. This skeleton beckons visitors to take the spooky tour.

the right type. Not a dirty one. All orange, no green stuff on it. A regular old kind of good one."

"People come here to have an experience," explained Vogel. "Coming here is not like going to the grocery store to buy a pumpkin. Here they can also go on a hayride. They can see the animals... Day or night there are events and things to do and see, like the Corn Maze. The options are unlimited."

Those options change come nightfall. Then, the pumpkins give way to the panic.

Seasonal scare

As popular as the Hunt Club Farm is by day, it is probably even busier at night, although the crowd is a little different.

On a recent Saturday night, thousands of youth and young at heart seemed oblivious to the many pumpkins sitting around. They were there to sample the horrors of the Halloween Festival. They came to the right place.

But getting there was not so easy.

Traffic was backed up in both directions, waiting to enter the farm. Parking in an unlit horse pasture was no synch either, although flashlight-wielding staffers were helpful. Departing your vehicle, another type of scare awaits you as through this dark field hundreds of children and adults must wade in ankle- to calf-length grass and screams of autos rushing to park. Visitors and vehicles must share the same path and that can be frightening.

Away from the traffic, the farm takes on a completely different look after dark. Barns become spooky silhouettes, trees appear most lifelike and the winding through the corn field completes the spine-tingling, sensory sensation of a Halloween eve. The creepy sounds and screams coming from the village help too, of course.

The Village of the Dead is my personal favorite," volunteers Allan Wood, assistant manager at Hunt Club Farm.

"It seems like the actors are constantly on you in the village," he says about the farm's oldest Halloween attraction. "Every time you think you can catch your breath

someone takes it away. It's really scary and really enjoyable."

The Village of the Dead may be the scariest of the three fright night attractions, but the Haunted Hayride is the most popular. With one of four or five tractors departing every 15 minutes with roughly 75 passengers, it is not uncommon for more than 2,500 to complete the ride each night, especially on the weekends.

"During the Haunted Hayride, visitors ride on two hay wagons pulled by a tractor through a series of scary scenes, everything that can frighten you, that can make you scream and even give you a giggle or two in the dark," explained Wood.

Using numerous actors to augment sound effects and lifeless props, including body parts, insects, "blood," trap doors, fake weapons and tools, even Gilligan's SS Minnow is set up to scare guests. The props are well staged, the music, fog and woods provide the backdrop. But it is the many actors who bring the dead to life, at least for the duration of the ride.

"Our actors have a lot of fun," laughed Wood, who is one himself. "We are aged 18 to 43 and are in drama clubs, amateur theater, high school acting classes and such. We like to entertain people. Most come out for the pure joy of it."

"It's not always easy. They may wear a lot of makeup. It's cold. They get tired doing this night after night, four hours each night. But when they hear the people or the wagons coming they perk right up to provide a scare. It's a good life and a lot of fun!"

The Field of Screams might not sound like a lot of fun to some, but the newest attraction definitely provides a scare.

Take your average cornfield, which can be inherently scary at night under normal conditions, throw in a ghostly tale about a farmer ("Old Man Vogel" who is irate about folks stealing his crops, mix in the usual props and actors. Provide a story line to tie it all together and you have a calamitous cornfield of horrors.

The trio of terror-filled scares



PERFECT PUMPKINS. Big or small, Hunt Club Farm's Harvest Festival offers a bountiful array of the brilliant orange orbs.

welcome anyone of any age, on any given night.

"They are great for families, groups of friends," Vogel says. "We don't have any age requirements. We leave it up to parents to be the judge. Being scared is such an individual thing. I'm a big chicken but some small kids really like to be scared. I'd say it's best for kids five years and older, but we leave it up to the parents."

A year on the farm

Hosting school children during the week, youths and Scout groups on the weekend, casual customers by day and thrill-seekers at night, the Vogel family stays pretty busy each October.

There aren't a lot of other places in the city of Virginia Beach that open their farm to the public. Parents and educators know this and flock to the pastoral farm setting.

With Halloween just around the corner, the staff of the Hunt Club Farm is already thinking about Christmas and next year.

"We'll sell trees and wreaths for Christmas," said Vogel, "and star the produce market up again in the spring. We want to open the petting zoo year-round in the future and are almost set for that. We added the Corn Maze this year, it is open all year..."

"But October is the crazy month for us," confirmed Vogel, a pharmaceutical salesperson who has farmed before marrying into the Vogel family and joining the Hunt Club Farm. "We love all the visitors, love to see them enjoying the pumpkins, the haunted attractions. We'll rest up in November!"

Open each day through Halloween for 15 minute pumpkins, squash, corn stalks and scares, the produce market will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; the Harvest



SMILE! Members of Great Bridge United Methodist Church's intermediate Youth Group pause for a picture beside the giant farmer and corn display at Hunt Club Farm.

Festival at the farm from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the Halloween Festival, including all three attractions, runs from 7 to 11 p.m. The Hunt Club Farm is located at 2400 London Bridge Road. For directions, or to schedule your group for a visit call Randi Vogel, 427-9520.

LEGAL NOTICES

TRUSTEE SALE
1617 Riverstone Drive
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Lynda L. Neff dated February 25, 1997 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3710, page 1728, securing a loan which was originally \$67,050.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on November 10, 2000 at 8:01 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 188, Part 2, Section 2, Section K-2, L-2, Indian Lakes. Tax Map # 1465754260000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$6,400.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information

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LOTS OF PUMPKINS. Few visitors leave the 32-acre Hunt Club Farm experience without their own pumpkin. The site has been a favorite of fall visitors since the '80s.

Crackdown on 'red runners'

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this year in response to a survey conducted by the department's Strategic Planning Team during discussions with Citizens Advisory Committee members and residents who participated in the Neighborhood Institute.

Statistics revealed that a large number of citizens were concerned about drivers disregarding red traffic signals, according to Sgt. Bert Spry of the Third Precinct.

"We were specifically interested in the statistics for running the red light and disregarding the traffic signal," he said.

Police researched 1999's high accident locations and found two of the top three were within the Third Precinct's boundaries.

Virginia Beach Boulevard/N. Witchwood Road headed the list with 83 accidents, while Independence/Riverhead Road Boulevard was third with 55. General Booth Boulevard/Dam Neck Road, in a different precinct, came in second.

Most of the drivers were males under age 21, followed by males aged 22 to 29, then males aged 30 to 39.

Spry attributes the majority of these incidents to drivers running red lights.

"You know how it is when you're young — nothing is going to kill you, right?" he said.

Within the last couple of months, the Third Precinct has

held a DARTS surveillance three times. Last Thursday's lunch hour was the fourth. A total of 60 summonses, including driving with a suspended license and DUI, were issued the first three times.

One drug arrest and 12 summonses were issued during the fourth surveillance, Primeaux said.

The goal of the DARTS surveillances is to increase police visibility at key times when accidents occur, and thereby reduce the number of offenses.

"What we're trying to emphasize is the morning and evening rush hours and lunch time. This intersection (Virginia Beach/Independence Boulevard) is pretty much busy all the time," said Spry, "but more so in the evening when people are trying to get home."

Spry and Primeaux said they have seen — and heard — it all.

"I was talking on my cell phone" is becoming a more common excuse, Primeaux said.

Others:

"I was eating and didn't notice the light."

"I was adjusting the radio."

"I had to go to the bathroom and just had to get somewhere."

Spry asserted, "Society's just in a hurry nowadays, but they don't admit it. They always have an excuse."

Just barely running the red light is one thing, he added. "But we

were noticing it wasn't just one car through the light — it was two, three, four."

Primeaux agreed.

"We're not interested in the guy who made a mistake when he was under the traffic signal and it turned. It's the guy three or four cars lengths back who runs it anyway. We get lots of excuses like, 'He did it too, so why didn't you stop him?'"

Since DARTS began, more than a few drivers have been surprised to see a squad car's flashing lights in the rear view mirror.

"We have so many ask, 'Where were you? I didn't see you.' The fact is people just aren't going to break the law if they see a police car," said Spry.

This particular day, a 23-year-old female driving a Saturn is one of the offenders ticketed.

"She's in a hurry, that's for sure," Primeaux said, flashing his cruiser's lights and stepping on the gas. It's about half a mile before she pulls off the main road into a parking lot for her date with destiny — the traffic summons.

When ticket time comes, Virginia Beach police hope other motorists see the result of running a red light — and think before doing it themselves.

"I believe personally that we serve as a deterrent," said Primeaux. "People remember, 'hey, I got a ticket there at lunch time,' and they see us out here again. It sinks in."

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obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: FHA
NP007652
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Between 8-11 AM
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Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
4717 White Tail Court
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Jennifer M. Benninger dated June 18, 1998 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3906, page 499, securing a loan which was originally \$76,000.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereunder secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on November 3, 2000 at 8:01 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 292, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Indian Lakes, Section G-2, Part 3", Tax Map # 427-031-0000

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$7,400.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: FHA
NP007613

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Between 8-11 AM
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Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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210-27

Public Notice

Virginia:

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach will be held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Princess Anne Station, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on Tuesday, November 14, 2000 at 2:00 p.m., at which time the following applications will be heard:

MODIFICATION OF CONDITIONS:

DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSVILLE

1. An Ordinance upon Application of Brown Building Corporation, Ronald K. Brown, President, for a modification of proffers placed on the application for a change of zoning district classification from R-5D to Conditional B-2 on July 13, 1993 (GPN #1477-0567). Said parcel is located at 4847 Dollon Drive, DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSVILLE.

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL

2. An Ordinance upon Application of Checkered Flag for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-10 Residential District and B-2 Community Business District on the west side of N. Lymnham Road, south of Virginia Beach Boulevard (GPN #1497-35-4783; #1497-35-4693). The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends the majority of this parcel for use as suburban residential/low densities that are compatible with single family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at 263 and 267 N. Lymnham Road and contains 40,075 square feet. DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

3. An Ordinance upon Application of Checkered Flag for a Conditional Use Permit for motor vehicle sales (expansion) on the west side of N. Lymnham Road, south of Virginia Beach Boulevard (GPN #1497-35-4783; #1497-35-4693). Said parcel is located at 263 and 267 N. Lymnham Road and contains

40,075 square feet. DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL.
DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSVILLE.
4. An Ordinance upon Application of Eric Johnson/AJA Automotive Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a bulk storage yard and an automobile repair garage at the southeast corner of Cleveland Street and Pennsylvania Avenue (GPN #1467-94-2510). Said parcel contains 18,750 square feet. DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSVILLE.
DISTRICT 5 - LYNNAHVEN.
5. Application of Edwin S. Epstein, MD, for an enlargement in a nonconforming use on property located at the southwest corner of 60th Street and Ocean Front Avenue (GPN #2410-51-1615-0102). Said parcel is located at 106 60th Street (lot 106B) and contains 8,750 square feet. DISTRICT 5 - LYNNAHVEN.

DISTRICT 6 - BEACH
6. Application of Sandy Jackson for an enlargement in a nonconforming use on property located at the southeast corner of 22nd Street and Baltic Avenue (GPN #1427-08-1415). Said parcel is located at 430 22nd Street and contains 9,100 square feet. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Ruth Hodges Smith, MMC
City Clerk

If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE at 427-4303; Hearing impaired, call TDD only 427-4305 (TDD - Telephone Device for the Deaf).

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE

1433 Olivecourt Court
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from David L. Douglas, Jr. dated October 15, 1996 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3670, page 1365, securing a loan which was originally \$38,450.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereunder secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on November 17, 2000 at 8:00 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Unit 1433 Lot 5, Block C-1
Subdivision of Kemps Quarters.
Tax Map # 1465-76-3614-7570

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale. This sale is further made subject to the IRS right of Redemption.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$3,700.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: FHA
NP007657

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Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Virginia Beach Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, November 8, 2000 at 12:00 Noon in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Princess Anne Court-house Virginia Beach, Virginia. A briefing session will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall Building. PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION IS NOT A FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION, BUT ONLY A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL AS THE VIEWPOINT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION. FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION IS TO BE MADE BY CITY COUNCIL AT A LATER DATE. AFTER PUBLIC NOTICE IN A NEWSPAPER HAVING GENERAL CIRCULATION WITHIN

THE CITY.

THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE PUBLIC HEARING SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT, FOR REASONS THE PLANNING COMMISSION DEEMS APPROPRIATE, CERTAIN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA MAY BE HEARD OUT OF ORDER AND THAT SHOULD NOT BE ASSUMED THAT THE ORDER LISTED BELOW WILL BE EXACTLY FOLLOWED DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING.

The staff reviews of some or all of the items on this agenda suggest that certain conditions be attached to approval by City Council. However, it should not be assumed that those conditions constitute all the conditions that will ultimately be attached to the project. Staff agencies may impose further conditions and requirements during administration of applicable city ordinances.

SUBDIVISION VARIANCE:

1. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Ronald and Elizabeth A. Koebler. Property is located at 1601 Nanney Creek Road (GPN #2410-55-8546). DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE

2. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Rochelle Carpenter. Property is located at 4172 Gump Bridge Court (GPN #2411-22-1683). DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE

3. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Riganto, L.L.C. Property is located on the south side of Sandridge Road 3400 feet more or less east of Princess Anne Road (GPN #2413-59-9454). DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

4. An Ordinance upon Application of Riganto, L.L.C., for a Change of Zoning District Classification on the following parcels:

Parcel 1: From AG-1 and AG-2 Agricultural District to Conditional R-20 Residential District on certain property located on the south side of Sandridge Road, 3400 feet more or less east of Princess Anne Road. Said parcel contains 116.70 acres.

Parcel 2: From AG-1 and AG-2 Agricultural District to Conditional P-1 Preservation District on certain property located on the south side of Sandridge Road, 3400 feet more or less east of Princess Anne Road. Said parcel contains 150.20 acres.

Parcel 3: From AG-1 and AG-2 Agricultural District to Conditional B-1A Limited Community Business District on certain property located 1900 feet more or less south of the intersection of Sandridge Road and Entrada Drive. Said parcel contains 9.10 acres. (GPN #2413-59-9454).

The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional R-20 is for single family residential land use on lots no less than 20,000 square feet. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional P-1 is for open space and recreation land use. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-1A is for limited neighborhood commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for appropriate growth opportunities, consistent with the economic vitality policies of Virginia Beach in accordance with other Plan policies. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

5. An Ordinance upon Application of Riganto, L.L.C., for a Conditional Use Permit for an Open Space Promotion on certain property located on the south side of Sandridge Road beginning at a point 3400 feet more or less east of Princess Anne Road. (GPN #2413-59-9454). Said parcel contains 116.70 acres more or less. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE

6. An Ordinance upon Application of Riganto, L.L.C., for a Conditional Use Permit for recreational and amusement facilities of an outdoor nature (equestrian center, stables and showings) on certain property located at a point 1900 feet more or less south of the intersection of Sandridge Road and Entrada Drive. (GPN #2413-59-9454). Said parcel contains 9.10 acres more or less. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

7. An Ordinance upon Application of Dragas Associates VIII, L.L.C., a Virginia limited liability company for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-5D Residential Duplex District to Conditional A-12 Apartment District on certain property located on the west side of Kempsville Road, beginning at a point 1300 feet

more or less south of Monument Drive (GPN #1455-50-2073). The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional A-12 is for Multi-family land use at a density no greater than 12 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for open space/parkland use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 20,923.1 acres. DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE

8. An Ordinance upon Application of the Runnymede Corporation for a Change of Zoning District Classification on the following parcels:

Parcel 1: From B-2 Community Business District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on the South side of Sentara Way beginning at a point 330 feet more or less west of S. Rosemont Road.

Parcel 2: From R-7.5 Residential District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on the south side of South Boulevard beginning at a point 530 feet more or less west of S. Rosemont Road. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of these parcels for suburban residential/low density for the R-7.5 site and commercial uses for the B-2 site in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcels contain 5.5 acres. DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL

9. An Ordinance upon Application of Regent University for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-5D Residential Duplex District to O-2 Office District on property located on the west side of Centerville Turnpike, south of Indian River Road. The proposed zoning change to O-2 is for office land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban residential with medium and high densities that are compatible with single family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 9.432 acres. DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSVILLE

10. An Ordinance upon Application of Wawa, Inc., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from B-2 Community Business District and I-1 Light Industrial District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on the following parcels:

Parcel 1: From B-2 to Conditional B-2 at the southwest intersection of Virginia Beach Boulevard and Parker Lane.

Parcel 2: From I-1 to Conditional B-2 on the west side of Parker Lane beginning at a point 150 feet more or less south of Virginia Beach Boulevard (GPN #1497-74-9817; #1497-74-9731; #1477-84-0956). The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of these parcels for commercial use for the B-2 site and industrial use for the I-1 site in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcels contain 2.95 acres more or less. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

11. An Ordinance upon Application of Wawa, Inc., a Pennsylvania Corporation for a Conditional Use Permit for automobile services (fuel sales) in conjunction with a convenience store on certain property located at the southwest intersection of Virginia Beach Boulevard and Parker Lane (GPN #1497-74-9817; #1497-74-9731; #1477-84-0956). Said parcel contains 2.95 acres more or less. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH

12. An Ordinance upon Application of Suburban Christian Church for a Conditional Use Permit for a church on the northwest and southwest corners of Bellamy Manor Drive and Meighan Drive (GPN #1466-74-2221; #1466-74-0341; #1466-73-1984; #1466-73-0958; #1466-73-1813; #1466-63-9898). Said parcel is located at 5132 Bellamy Manor Drive and contains 3.328 acres. DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSVILLE

13. An Ordinance upon Application of TALC/Newtown Associates for a Conditional Use Permit for a self-storage facility on the north side of Newtown Road, 320 feet more or less west of Broad Meadows Boulevard (GPN #1468-63-4020). Said parcel is located at 909 Newtown Road and contains 29,620.8 square feet more or less. DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE

14. An Ordinance upon Application of Z-Mark, LLC for a Conditional Use Permit for fuel sales in conjunction with a convenience store on the east side of Independence Boulevard, 200 feet north of Honeygrove Road (GPN #1478-55-0966). Said parcel is located at 1014 Independence Boulevard and contains 33,541 square feet. DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE

15. An Ordinance upon Application of the Home Depot, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a bulk storage yard on the north side of Virginia Beach Boulevard, west of King Richard Drive (GPN #1487-85-1650). Said parcel is located at

3352 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 12.64 acres. DISTRICT 5 - LYNNAHVEN

16. An Ordinance upon Application of Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities for a Conditional Use Permit for a private museum on the south side of Wischart Road, west of Baileywick Drive (GPN #1478-76-0560; #1478-76-0261; #1478-76-2228). Said parcel is located at 4405 Wischart Road and contains 4.9 acres. DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE

17. An Ordinance upon Application of Griswold, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a miniature golf course, bicycle rentals, amusements, and a concessionaire snack bar at the southeast corner of Pacific Avenue and 22nd Street (GPN #2427-18-3704; #2427-18-2753; #2427-18-2702). Said parcel is located at 2109 Pacific Avenue and contains 21,780 square feet. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH

18. An Ordinance upon Application of SBA Communications Corporation/C.E. Forchard, III, for a Conditional Use Permit for a communications tower on property located on the north side of Princess Anne Road beginning at a point 3850 feet more or less east of Landing Road (GPN #2317-57-8720). Said parcel contains 50 acres more or less. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE

19. An Ordinance upon Application of Marky and Thomas Strother for a Conditional Use Permit for a riding academy, horses for hire or boarding on the north side of Shirley Landing Drive, 650 feet more or less east of Blackwater Road (GPN #1398-32-6447). Said parcel contains 20,332.1 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE

AMENDMENT

20. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, to amend the Comprehensive Plan pertaining to the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act and Floodplains.

DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 10/11/00:

21. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for William E. & Dorothy L. Pearson. Property is located at the southern terminus of Bridlepath Lane (GPN #1483-81-5563). DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE

22. An Ordinance upon Application of Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust for a Conditional Use Permit for an automobile service establishment on certain property located on the east side of Newstead Drive beginning at a point 500 feet more or less north of Princess Anne Road (GPN #2414-25-6765). Said parcel contains 18.508 acres. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH

23. An Ordinance upon Application of 7-Eleven, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for automobile services (fuel sales) in conjunction with a convenience store on property located at the southwest corner of Salem Road and Elbow Road (GPN #1474-87-9770). Said parcel contains 1.05 acres. DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE

24. An Ordinance upon Application of Wycliffe Presbyterian Church for a Conditional Use Permit for a church addition at the

southwest corner of N. Great Neck Road and Millwood Road (GPN #2408-09-8544; #2408-09-8206; #2408-09-9021). Said parcel is located at 1445 N. Great Neck Road and contains 8.31 acres. DISTRICT 5 - LYNNAHVEN

25. An Ordinance upon Application of Sarr Enterprises, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for an automobile service station in conjunction with a convenience store, automotive repair and automotive storage at the northwest corner of S. Lymnham Road and Slime Drive (GPN #1497-10-7039). Said parcel is located at 3096 S. Lymnham Road and contains 41,599.8 square feet. DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL

26. An Ordinance upon Application of Truckcenter of Tidewater, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a bulk storage yard on the east side of South Military Highway, north of Alexandria Avenue (GPN #1456-27-9020). Said parcel is located at 728 S. Military Highway and contains 20,037.6 square feet. DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE

DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 7/12/00:

27. An Ordinance upon Application of Jay Barot for a Change of Zoning District Classification from B-2 Community Business District, O-2 Office District and I-1 Light Industrial District to Conditional I-1 Light Industrial District on certain property located at the northwest corner of Northampton Boulevard and Burton Station Road (GPN #1458-98-0856; #1458-99-0194).

The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional I-1 is for light industrial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for business parks, offices, industrial and employment support uses in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 2.1 acres. DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE

28. An Ordinance upon Application of Jay Barot for a Conditional Use Permit for a hotel on certain property located on the north side of Burton Station Road beginning at a point 200 feet more or less west of Northampton Boulevard (GPN #1458-98-0856; #1458-99-0194). Said parcel contains 2.1 acres. DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Robert J. Scott
Planning Director
Copies of the proposed ordinances, resolutions and amendments are on file and may be examined in the Department of Planning. For information call 427-4621.

If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE at 427-4303; Hearing impaired, call TDD only at 427-4305 (TDD - Telephone Device for the Deaf).

The Planning Commission Agenda is available on the City's Internet Home Page on the Thursday prior to each regularly-scheduled meeting at www.virgibeach.va.us/cityhall/dep/Boards/pc_agendas.htm

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United Way of South Hampton Roads Virginia Beach Campaign

OUR GOAL:

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This thermometer shows the current amount raised from organizations and individuals participating in United Way campaigns in Virginia Beach.

This year's total goal for the South Hampton Roads area is \$17,412,863.



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Legend Walk gets 64 nominations

The nominations came from 24 different states and from 15 foreign countries in five continents. They arrived via email, phone, mail and facsimile by the hundreds.

When everything was tallied, 64 great Virginians past and present were eligible for consideration as the 2000 inductees for the Virginia Legends Walk.

The candidate gathering the most nominations was Peter Francisco, a Revolutionary War hero whose fan club around the world recommended him 121 times.

Others with dozens of nominations include Katie Couric, Secretariat, Steve Case, Booker T. Washington, Ruth Brown, Tom Wolfe, The Carter Family, Bruce Hornsby, George C. Scott, Curtis Strange, Bruce Smith, Dave Matthews and Douglas S. Freeman.

A committee of 624 judges statewide has been assembled to include the presidents of every Virginia college and university, the heads of every public and college library, the heads of every historical society and museum, the managing editors of every daily newspaper and new directors of network affiliate television stations.

Judges will be asked to select their top seven candidates from the 64 and return their choices directly to PricewaterhouseCoopers in Virginia Beach for independent tabulation.

Candidates named on 60 percent

of all ballots returned will become the 2000 Virginia Legends.

An induction ceremony will be held in Virginia Beach in November.

Nominations were sent for: Lady Astor, Kate Waller Barrett, Warren Beatty, Edward Beyer, Georgia Blizard, Rudy Boesch, Gary "U.S." Bonds, Carl Brasher, Ruth Brown, Curtis Bush, The Carter Family, Steve Case, Clarence Clemons, Joseph Cotton, Katie Couric, Carroll Dale, Ray Dardrig, Leon Day, William de Lott, Dodge, Robert Duval, James Farmer, Peter Francisco, Douglas Southall Freeman, William Henry Harrison, Carlos Norman Hathcock II, Bruce Hornsby, Sam Houston, John Kluge, Marquis de Lafayette, Richard Henry Lee, Earl Lloyd, Moses Malone, John Marshall, Dave Matthews, Matthew Fontaine Maury, Alonzo Mourning, Shirley McLaine, Wayne Newton, Bob Porterfield, Lewis Powell, Peyton Randolph, Tim Reid, Eppa Rixey, Pat Robertson, Ricky Rudd, George C. Scott, Wendell Scott, Willard Scott, Secretariat, Bruce Smith, William Smith, Sam Snead, Ralph Stanley, Curtis Strange, James Ewell Brown Stuart, William Styron, Margaret Sullivan, Gene Vincent, John Warner, Booker T. Washington, Sweetpea Whitaker, George William Whitehurst, L. Douglas Wilder and Tom Wolfe.



Oktoberfest at Atria

Bratwurst, wiener schnitzel and other German fare were all a part of the Oktoberfest celebrations Sunday at Atria Virginia Beach. Oktoberfest came to America from the "Old Country," where it was a time to eat, drink and be merry after the fall harvest. Although the festival in Germany focuses on beer, in America foods such as pretzels, strudel and apple cakes are also consumed. Atria Virginia Beach's Oktoberfest celebration included Sid Steward, who played traditional German music on the accordion for the facility's Life Guidance Neighborhood. The unit is for residents with dementia and memory loss.



EDUCATION BRIEFS

■ Creeds Elementary School congratulates Dixie Sykes Lehman for her teaching excellence. She will be honored in the sixth edition of "Who's Who Among American Teachers 2000." In order to receive this honor, Lehman had to be recognized by one or more of her former students. These students themselves represent the best high school and college students in the country and have been recognized in either Who's Who Among American High School Students or The National Dean's List.

■ Creeds Elementary School honors Gloria J. Davis on receiving a Virginia PTA Honorary Life Membership. This is the highest honor the PTA can bestow upon an individual. It results from outstanding contributions, giving of time, efforts and a part of oneself in working for and with the children and youth of Creeds Elementary School.

■ The Cox High Drama Department will present Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland Nov. 2-4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cox High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$4 in advance and \$6 at the door. Contact Kathleen McBlair, drama teacher, 496-6767.

■ Creeds Elementary School The Cox High School Guidance Department will host parents of freshmen and sophomores to an informational forum, "Beginning with the Goal in Mind," at 7 p.m. Nov. 15 at the Cox Library. Counselors and faculty will discuss graduation requirements, verified credits, AP course selection, GPA calculation, PSAT and SAT testing and the importance of the ninth and tenth grade years for college admissions. Contact Suzanne Rademacher, guidance director, 496-6710.

■ The National Merit Scholarship Program has announced that Kevin Elizabeth Hawkinson and Senior Heilandy are semifinalists in the 2001 Merit Scholarship competition. Commended scholars are seniors Francis Coyle, Anne Dinsmore, Arya Ebrahimi, Carolyn Egan, Dan Ford, Matthew Goff, Alex Gregory, William Hay, Anne Kierman, Dianne Laird, Logan Leichtman, Tom Petykowski, Adam Schlain, Abigail Southerland and Kyle Stumper.

■ Seniors Joyce Anne Koubaroulis and Chris Simons will be honored by the Optimist Club of Virginia Beach at an Outstanding Seniors Awards Breakfast in November. Koubaroulis and Simons were selected based on their demonstration of excellence in character, community life, science, extra-curricular activities, scholastic achievement and citizenship. Contact Josie Collier, guidance counselor, 496-6710.

■ Columbia Scholastic Press Association has awarded The Talon, Cox High School's yearbook, "Gold Medalist" ranking for its outstanding 1999-2000 yearbook.

■ Kindergarten students from Arrowhead Elementary School will visit Hunt Club Farm Oct. 27 from 9:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. They will go on a hayride, view animals, play on a giant haystack, have a picnic and pick out a pumpkin to take home. The trip will reinforce their classroom study of farm culture and farm animals.

■ The Red Mill Elementary School PTA board meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 27 at 7:15 p.m. in the school library.

■ Red Mill Elementary School parents are invited to attend a Math Information Meeting Tuesday, Nov. 7. The one-hour meeting begins at 9 a.m.

■ Red Mill Elementary School offers after-school tutoring for math and language arts Nov. 8, 9, 14, 16 and 21 from 2:30 to 3:40 p.m.

■ Virginia Beach City Public Schools have named Ramesh K. Kapoor as chief information officer for the school division. As head of the Department of Information Technology, he will develop and implement technology initiatives for the schools' classroom and office environments; recommend technology policies; regulations and procedures; foster productive information technology partnerships; and direct the work of the department's professional and support staff.

■ Windsor Oaks Elementary School will hold its Fall Festival on Friday, Oct. 27 from 6 to 9 p.m. This PTA family event will include square dancing, food, raffles and a pumpkin carving/decorating contest. A slice of pizza and a drink are included in the admission. The cost is \$2 per person in advance, \$2.50 at the door.

Hilltop Family YMCA gears up for auction

Tickets are on sale for the fifth annual silent auction, "Campaign for Kids 2000," to benefit the Hilltop Family YMCA. The event will be held Friday, Dec. 1 at the Contemporary Arts Center of Virginia.

Campaign for Kids 2000 is held annually to raise money by auctioning off prizes donated by area businesses. All of the proceeds for the event are used to provide area children the opportunity to participate in sports leagues, swim lessons, summer camp and preschool programs when the families could otherwise not afford to pay for such activities.

"The great thing about this program is that 100 percent of the proceeds from the silent auction stay right here in our community," says

Shannon Hulse, membership director for the Hilltop Family YMCA. "Each year the event gets bigger and each year we are able to help more and more kids, thanks to the community."

The silent auction will be held from 7 to 10:30 p.m. There will be food catered by Grand Affairs. There are already more than 100 items to be auctioned off, including a \$500 gift certificate for Ethan Allen Home Interiors, rounds of gold and Bide-A-Wee antiques for the Virginia Stage Company performances.

Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased at the Hilltop Family YMCA, 1536 Laskin Rd. For more information call, 422-3805.

Refuge, state park plan annual dike trail closure

Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge will close its interior dike trail to hikers and bikers beginning Nov. 1. The interior dike trail, leading through the refuge to neighboring False Cape State Park, will reopen April 1.

The annual dike trail closure is necessary to provide undisturbed habitat for migratory birds as they feed and rest during the winter months. During this time no fees will be charged to enter the refuge (Nov. 1 until March 31).

The entire four miles of refuge beach, as well as the Seaside, Bay, Kuralt and Dune trails, all located near the Visitor Contact Station, will remain open to the public for wildlife oriented activities from sunrise to sunset. Wildlife oriented activities include surf fishing, shell collecting, photography and wildlife observation. Walking and

biking access to False Cape State Park will continue along the beach front.

The contact station will maintain its regular operating schedule (Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) through October. The contact station will be closed on Saturdays from November through March.

Back Bay Refuge will coordinate limited tram tours during the dike trail closures. False Cape State Park will coordinate limited bus tours for visitors during the dike trail closure. False Cape State Park officials will coordinate transportation access for educational and other authorized group visits to the False Cape State Park.

For further information refuge activities call, 721-2412.

TowneBank opens second Beach location Monday

TowneBank will celebrate the grand opening of its second Virginia Beach location, 4216 Virginia Beach Blvd., on Monday. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be conducted at 9:30 a.m. with Virginia Beach Mayor Meyera Obendorf officiating. Congressman Owen Pickett will be among the special guests.

TowneBank will present a check in the amount of \$1,000 to Virginia Beach Meals on Wheels in honor of Pickett to recognize his many years of service to the community.

Additionally, in celebration of the grand opening, a \$500 donation will be presented to Thalia Elementary School, TowneBank Pembroke's Adopt-A-School Partner.

This new branch will serve the Pembroke area with particular emphasis on Town Center and will

eventually relocate there upon its completion.

"Initially, the plan was to wait until the completion of the Town Center. However, the great demand for the bank's services in this area accelerated our plans," said John Tilhou, chairman of TowneBank Virginia's Board of Directors. "Already we have nearly \$8 million in member deposits at this location and the doors have only been opened since Oct. 6."

The location will be led by Nina Kidd, senior vice president and six career professionals, all of whom have spent considerable time in the Pembroke banking community.

"Our goal is to create the largest deposit office in the TowneBank family within 24 months," states J. Morgan Davis, president of TowneBank, Virginia Beach.

The weather may be cooler, but there are still plenty of fun fall activities at First Landing State Park in November.

All programs are free and open to the public with parking fees. For more information call, 412-2306:

■ Saturday, Nov. 4, "Cool Campfires," 8 to 9 p.m. - Drive

into the main parking lot, look for the burning torches, and meet at a site to learn how to create some unique fires, food, furniture and fun. Bring the whole family for a night of learning. Campsites are located on the Chesapeake Bay side of the park off Shore Drive.

■ Sunday, Nov. 5, swamp stroll - Take a walk through the trails to discover the cypress swamps, a unique and abundant feature here in the community. Learn about the plants and animals that live and adapt to these wet environments. Bring a camera for some terrific pictures. Meet at the Trail Center in the Natural Area off Shore Drive.

■ Saturday, Nov. 18, Trail

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■ Saturday, Nov. 18, treasure hunt, 1 to 2 p.m. - Wander along the Chesapeake shore with park interpreters. Experience the life in the tidal zone of the community. Great for families to learn to identify beach critters. Meet at the garbo behind the Chesapeake Bay Center off Shore Drive.

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Chaucer comes to life in new 'Canterbury Tales'



The Regent University Theatre presents the world premiere of Gillette Elvgren's adaptation of "The Canterbury Tales" Oct. 26 through Nov. 12.

Geoffrey Chaucer's epic poem has been adapted for the stage in this production which captures the audacious humor and profound sensibilities that have delighted readers (and now audiences) for the last 600 years.

A selection of the most popular of these stories have been innovatively staged and adapted by Elvgren, and will feature such rollicking and thoughtful tales as "The Wife of Bath," "The Miller's Tale" and "The Nun's Priest's Tale," to name a few.

Music and song will underscore this theatrical experience written by Hampton Roads musicians Gary Spell, Christopher Malendowski, Naaman Wood and Leetha Holland-Deel. In addition, there will be a gallery presentation of original tapestries of the various tales by internationally-renowned quilt artist B.J. Elvgren.

"The Canterbury Tales" opens on Thursday at 8 p.m. Performances are Oct. 26-28, Nov. 2-4 and 10-11 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 29, Nov. 5 and 12 at 3 p.m. Special school matinees will be held on Nov. 1, 6 and 7 at 10 a.m. Some humor and subject matter may not be suitable for audiences under age 12.

ON STAGE. Steven Broyles, Mark Zillges and Elicia Zimmermann appear in the Regent University production of "The Canterbury Tales."